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TSLAC ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR LSTA 2012 COMPETITIVE LIBRARY GRANTS

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AUSTIN - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is now accepting applications for Library Services and Technology Act grants for fiscal year 2012. The grant fund, estimated at \$910,000, is distributed to public and academic libraries for use in promoting reading and literacy, providing access to special or unique holdings and delivering cooperative services.

Applicants may seek grants in four categories: Cooperation, Special Project, Texas Reads and TexTreasures.

The Texas Reads grants are funded by specialty "Texas Reads" license plates, which may be ordered at www.Texas.gov or at Texas Department of Motor Vehicles offices. The other grants are federally funded via the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

"These grants are meant to encourage libraries to use cutting-edge services and to build collaborations," says Peggy D. Rudd, Texas State Library and Archives Commission director and librarian. "This gives each library the opportunity to be creative and provide unique programs for the communities they serve."

Librarians may learn more about grant options and the application process via a series of webinars TSLAC will offer throughout November. The grant application deadline is Feb. 25, 2011. Grant awards will be announced in August for use in the 2012 fiscal year starting Sept. 1, 2011.

More information, application forms and guidelines and lists of past grant recipients may be found at www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/lsta/; Texas Reads information may be accessed at www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/funding/index.html#txReads; and TexTreasures information can be found at www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/texttreasurespage.html.

Texas State Library and Archives Commission administers all four grant programs. For more information, contact grants administrator Jennifer Peters at (512) 463-5527 or jpeters@tsl.state.tx.us.

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