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## **MORE THAN 300 ATTEND TSLAC'S NOV. 12 REDEDICATION OF LORENZO DE ZAVALA BUILDING**

Lorenzo de Zavala  
State Archives and  
Library Building

**AUSTIN** – More than 300 people, including legislative and philanthropic leaders, attended the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's rededication of the renovated Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building on Friday, Nov. 12. The clouds parted and the sun came out just in time for the McCallum High School Band Wind Ensemble to serenade the audience before opening remarks by agency Director and Librarian Peggy D. Rudd and commission Chairman Sandra J. Pickett.

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Two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist H.W. Brands gave the keynote speech, discussing "The Secrets of Texas History." The author and historian has spent many hours inside the archives doing research for his books, which include his latest, "American Colossus: The Triumph of Capitalism, 1896-1900" and his Texas tome, "Lone Star Nation: The Epic Story of the Battle for Texas Independence."

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Refreshments and an open house followed, with patrons viewing treasures from the archives, the new Conservation Lab, the Texas Family Heritage Research Center, Talking Book Program recording studio and other areas.

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The rededication was the culmination of a two-year, nearly \$21 million renovation project overseen by Harvey-Cleary from a redesign by Bailey Architects Inc. The Texas Legislature appropriated \$17.3 million for the project; Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas raised \$3.6 million for furnishings and other elements.

*Commission Chairman*  
Sandra J. Pickett

"This happy event was the culmination of many years of planning and more than two years of construction," said Rudd. "But the result is a building designed to inspire, in which researchers, authors, illustrators and lovers of Texas and her incomparable history will mine valuable archival collections for years to come.

*Members*  
Sharon T. Carr  
Martha Doty Freeman  
Larry G. Holt  
Wm. Scott McAfee  
Sally Reynolds  
Michael C. Waters

"I believe that if the Texas State Library and Archives did not exist, Texas would be poorer," Rudd added. "We advocate for the essential place of libraries and archives in our society. We champion open government through effective records management. We meet the reading needs of Texans with disabilities. And we are a part of the great conversation about Texas history."

*Director and Librarian*  
Peggy D. Rudd

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