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### State Library Urges Texans to Support Public Libraries

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) is pleased to announce the Adopt-A-Library campaign, a statewide initiative urging Texas library users and advocates to support their local public libraries through donations and other means.

The campaign is based on House Bill No. 2139, the Adopt-A-Library bill, which was authored by State Rep. Ryan Guillen (District 31) to “encourage investment in and donations to public libraries in this state.” (Read the full text of the bill [here](#).)

The current economic climate has been challenging for Texas public libraries. According to [a recent public library funding and technology access study](#), conducted by the American Library Association, 40 percent of states – including Texas – reported decreased public library support for the third year in a row.

Meanwhile, public libraries have reported increased use of technology classes, electronic resources, computers, and Wi-Fi.

“We’re excited to be able to motivate Texans to support their public libraries for all that they provide to their communities,” said Peggy Rudd, TSLAC Director and Librarian.

To that end, TSLAC has developed a webpage for the public describing ways they might “adopt” a local library: they can celebrate it; cherish it; promote it; visit it; love it; and if they’re so inclined, make a monetary donation directly to the library.

“Our aim with this campaign is to both solicit and inspire,” continued Rudd. “It should be noted, though, that TSLAC is not receiving donations on behalf of Texas public libraries. We want all that positive energy – monetary and otherwise – to go directly to the libraries themselves.”

TSLAC’s [Adopt-A-Library webpage](#) features a search tool that enables Texans to locate their library by name or zip code proximity. Since donation practices differ at each library, the tool also furnishes the name and email of the library director/manager, in case users need guidance on making a monetary donation directly to that library.

Moreover, everyone is invited to share their adoption story with TSLAC through its [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages or by emailing [pio@tsl.state.tx.us](mailto:pio@tsl.state.tx.us).

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To Adopt-A-Library visit: <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/adopt>

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