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TSLAC Director and Librarian Peggy Rudd Announces Retirement

AUSTIN, TX – After 13 years as Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), Peggy D. Rudd announces her retirement early next year.

“It has been my privilege to lead this organization and to work with you,” said Ms. Rudd in an email to agency staff October 24th.

She will continue to report to duty until December 31, 2012. Her retirement becomes effective early in 2013.

“We appreciate her long and faithful service to the state of Texas,” said commission chairman Michael C. Waters on behalf of the agency’s board of commissioners. “We all wish her well in her retirement.”

Ms. Rudd assumed leadership of the state library and archives in October 1999. Her achievements since then have been numerous and altogether representative of the rich, complex challenges facing Texas libraries and archives today.

“She has certainly accomplished a lot and has a lot to be proud of,” continued Mr. Waters, citing Ms. Rudd’s leadership in initiating a direct grants-in-aid program for Texas public libraries (Loan Star Libraries).

He also praised her “skill working with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to bring millions of dollars to Texas; shepherding the Texas Heritage Online project; expansion of the TexShare program; emphasis on state and local government records management; and raising the profile of the state’s archives program.”

Ms. Rudd’s other accomplishments include:

- Supervising the successful renovation of the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, TSLAC’s 50-year-old headquarters in Austin
- Overseeing the Talking Book Program, which expanded its outreach and was recently recognized by the Library of Congress as Library of the Year
- Leading the commission through a successful sunset review process
- Working tirelessly to implement all laws and legislation enacted during her tenure, most recently House Bill 1559, which was designed to protect and preserve court records

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- Initiating annual conferences on the management of electronic records and planning the development of an electronic records storage plan for state agencies
- Establishing productive partnerships with the Texas Library Association, the genealogy community, and other state agencies and state and national organizations
- Collaborating with the Texas Education Agency to expand informational research database access for grades K-12 through the TexShare resource sharing program

Prior to her tenure at TSLAC, Ms. Rudd worked in libraries for over 20 years, including the Austin Public Library, the Library of Virginia, and the State Library of Florida.

TSLAC's board of commissioners will oversee a nationwide search for Ms. Rudd's successor. Details on the search will be released on the agency's website as they become available.

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