



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

One of the simplest joys in life is the love of reading. Books can take us to faraway places, to exciting lands of our imagination's making, to lands where magical characters undertake noble acts of mythic proportions. Books can make us laugh; they can make us cry; they can invigorate and inspire.

To stimulate and encourage our children's love of reading, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission sponsors a program known as the Texas Reading Club, which is designed to encourage young people to read for pleasure, especially during the summer months when school is out.

The Club's 2002 theme—"Read Across Texas!"—encourages children to explore the history, geography and culture of the Lone Star State through books at their local libraries. Nearly half a million children participate in this program annually, helping to set a solid foundation for their future success.

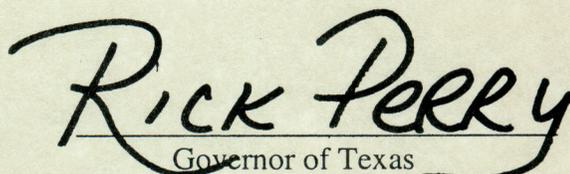
At this time, therefore, I am asking parents across the Lone Star State to encourage their children to participate in this wonderful program. The steps that they take today are steps that will serve them well in tomorrow's Texas.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2002,

Texas Reading Club Day

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
22nd day of May, 2002.


Governor of Texas

