



Public Service Announcement

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Texas State Library and Archives Commission

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Call Center for Talking Book Program closed until Tuesday for relocation during renovation project

Lorenzo de Zavala
State Archives and
Library Building

AUSTIN, Texas – The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) Talking Book Program call center will be closed from July 10 – 14, 2008, while relocating to its Camino La Costa location due to the renovation of the Lorenzo De Zavala State Archives and Library Building.

P.O. Box 12927
Austin, Texas
78711-2927

Voicemail will still be operational and patrons may call **1-800-252-9605** and leave a message or send emails to tbp.services@tsl.state.tx.us. The call center will reopen on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 and all messages will be processed at that time.

1201 Brazos St.
Austin, Texas
78701

TSLAC ask patrons to continue sending tapes, books, magazines to the enclosed address and that all correspondences be mailed to 1201 Brazos Street – PO Box 12927; Austin, TX 78711-2927 and **NOT** to the Camino La Costa location. All mail will be automatically forwarded to the Talking Book Program.

www.tsl.state.tx.us

The Talking Book Program (TBP) is a free library service for people who are unable to read standard print and are blind or have a visual, physical, or reading disability. TBP mails books and magazines to patron's home. TBP has 80,000 book titles and 80 magazine titles available in Braille, cassettes and large print format, and almost 3,000 titles available in downloadable digital audio format. All services are free including usage of a cassette player and postage.

Commission Chairman
Sandra J. Pickett

The program also has a free reference service called the Disability Information and Referral Center (DIRC). This center has information and materials on types of disabilities and health conditions, as well as relation organizations, publications, products and technology.

Members
Sharon T. Carr
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The Talking Book Program is a division of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and a regional library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress. For more information visit www.TexasTalkingBooks.org.

Director and Librarian
Peggy D. Rudd

The TSLAC headquarters, the Lorenzo De Zavala building opened in 1962. It is undergoing a \$15.5 million dollar legislative appropriated renovation project. The Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas, a non-profit support organization of TSLAC is spearheading a \$10 million dollar campaign (Texas State Library and Archives Commission's Capital Campaign).

Assistant State Librarian
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The campaign is accepting pledges and donations for movable and freestanding archival shelving, furniture for patrons and staff, equipment, energy efficient lighting, recording booths for the Talking Book Program and a conservation lab that are not covered by the legislative appropriation. To join the Friends of Libraries and Archives of Texas, contact Charlotte McCann, director of development, at (512) 936-2505 or by email at friends@tsl.state.tx.us. More information can be found at www.texaslibraryfriends.org.

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