TexShare Value Report

for

Houston Public Library

Houston, TX

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About TexShare

TexShare is a consortium of Texas libraries joining together to share print and electronic materials, purchase online resources, and leverage local support and expertise for the benefit of all Texans.

How Many Libraries are Members of the TexShare Consortium?

Public colleges and universities: **37**
Independent colleges and universities: **45**
Community and Junior Colleges: **59**
Medical Libraries: **13**
Public Libraries: **534**

What Electronic Resources does TexShare Support?

$838,868.95	What the databases would cost your library if purchased separately (vendor-provided prices, without member discount)
$40,058.00	FY2016 Fee
$798,810.95	TexShare Member Savings

The TexShare Databases program allows libraries to provide authoritative and ad-free electronic articles, books, tutorials, and other resources to their patrons 24/7. The TexShare Databases are licensed for the exclusive use of Texas libraries and their patrons.

TexShare Core FY16: 62 e-resources

9 General Information Resources
11 Homework and Education
5 Business
7 Genealogy and History
11 Books and Literature
6 Health and Medicine
7 Science and Technology
3 Spanish Language
2 Career Development
1 Newspapers

The TexShare Databases are funded in part by a grant from the US Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

How does TexShare Support Sharing of Books and Physical Resources?

TexShare Cards provide library patrons with the privilege of visiting more than 500 public, academic, and medical libraries throughout the State of Texas to borrow books and other physical materials not available at their home libraries. In FY2015, over 240,000 items were circulated through the TexShare Card program.

TexShare Card Program:	**YES**
Navigator ILL:	**YES**
TExpress Subsidy:	**$823.92**

The TexShare Card program supports traditional Inter-Library Loan. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission's **Navigator ILL** program for public libraries supplied over 225,000 books, articles, and other items to Texas libraries in FY2015, with additional resource sharing provided through consortial catalog systems and non-Navigator ILL.

To further support Inter-Library Loan, TexShare provides subsidies for 5-day, 3-day, or 2-day a week courier service to participating libraries throughout Texas through the **TExpress** courier, allowing libraries to reduce their postage and shipping fees.

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