



Getting Started with the TexShare Databases Program





TexShare Databases

- Authoritative, ad-free, and available 24/7. The TexShare Databases are electronic resources licensed for the exclusive use of patrons of TexShare member libraries.
 - Participation is voluntary
 - Participating libraries must contribute to the cost of database licensing
 - Patrons should access the TexShare databases through their home library, not TSLAC
- The TexShare Databases are funded in part by a grant from the US Institute of Museum and Library Services.





TexShare Databases Best Practices Checklist

ACTION ITEM

- Does your library participate in the TexShare Databases Program?

Check your status

Yes

No

If no, contact texshare@tsl.texas.gov to join!

MORE INFO / URL

<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/findalibrary>

Find A Library

Search Results

Library Name: [Austin Public Library](#)
Library Type: Public - Main Library
Address: 710 W C, Austin, TX 78701 [Map it!](#)
County: Travis
Phone: (512) 974-7400
E-mail: [Contact by Email](#)

[Elected Officials](#)

[See Branches For This Library](#)

TexShare Member: Yes
[Most Recent TexShare Value Report](#)
TexShare Databases Program: Yes
TexShare CARD Program: Yes
[See TexShare Card Lending Policy](#)



For eligibility information, see <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/eligibility.html>





TexShare Databases Getting Started

ACTION ITEM

- If your library does not currently participate, sign up!
- Link to all or some of the TexShare Databases on your website
- **REMEMBER: Never post a username and password on your website!**

MORE INFO / URL

- Contact TexShare@tsl.texas.gov for a quote and more information. See our Fees FAQ at <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/feesfaq.html>
- If you don't have an A-Z list, link to the TexShare Portal! <https://www.texshare.net>
- Additional links for use with EZproxy and other Single Sign On systems are available at <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/dburllist.html>



TexShare Databases Patron Authentication

ACTION ITEM

- Set up IP authentication
- Consider patron Single Sign On Options such as:
 - EZproxy
 - OpenAthens
 - Remote Patron Authentication through your library catalog

MORE INFO

- Allows patrons direct access from your library without having to enter a username or password. Just send us the broadcast IP address for your library and we'll do the rest.
- Allows patrons to log in with their barcode or a individual username and password.
- Ask TexShare for assistance with authenticating users from your catalog or other system.




Add LearningExpress To Your Website

ACTION ITEM

- Add LearningExpress links to your library website.



	<i>School Center</i>		<i>Adult Core Skills</i>
	<i>High School Equivalency Center</i>		<i>Basic Computer Skills</i>
	<i>Admissions Test Prep</i>		<i>Career Preparation</i>
	<i>College Students</i>		<i>Recursos Para Hispanohablantes</i>

MORE INFO

- Unlike other TexShare Databases, your library's unique link to LearningExpress can be put on your website without a username and password. Links are available for individual centers, as well.

Patrons must set up individual accounts to LearningExpress after clicking on the link.



More Resources for Your Website

ACTION ITEM

- ChiltonLibrary
- Gale LegalForms
- BookConnections
- BiblioBoard

MORE INFO / URL

- Automotive repair manuals
<https://galesupport.com/texasgeo/chll>
- Legal forms, advice, and more!
<https://galesupport.com/texasgeo/tglf>
- Resources about children's and young adult books from TeachingBooks
<https://www.bookconnections.org/>
- A collection of e-books from the E-Read Texas Unlimited Collection
<https://e-readtx.biblioboard.com/>

All resources available to anyone in Texas



TexShare Databases Training and Support

ACTION ITEM

- Take advantage of FREE Staff Training from TSLAC and TexShare Databases vendors
- Review Vendor Information Resource Guides
- Follow the rules for Authorized Access

URL/MORE INFO

- <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/Id/workshops/texshare/>
- <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/databases>
- <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/authaccess.html>



TexShare Databases Outreach and Promotion

ACTION ITEM

- Promote the TexShare Databases
 - Offer training for your patrons, students, and faculty
 - Use **free** bookmarks and posters provided by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission
 - Modify downloadable bookmarks and posters provided by vendors

URL/MORE INFO

Q: *How Can I Help My Patrons Learn More About The TexShare Databases?*

A: ***Get FREE Bookmarks and Posters!***





TexShare Databases Keeping Up

ACTION ITEM

- Track your patrons' usage

- Get updates on the TexShare Users email list

URL/MORE INFO

- <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/statsvend.html>
- New usage portal in development!

- <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/maillinglists.html>



Contact TexShare

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