

Texas Association of School Library Administrators Annual Workshop June 16-18, 2015



Monday, June 15, 2015

5:30 pm | Welcome Reception provided by: **Holiday Inn Austin Midtown**

7:00 pm | **Monday Dinner Sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning**

- **Threadgill's, 301 West Riverside Drive - Please RSVP to Tammy McGee; tammy.mcgee@cengage.com or 817-781-0456**

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

7:00-8:00 am | Breakfast Sponsored by: **Davidson Titles**

8:00-8:30 am | **Welcome and Introductions – Nora Galvan / TASLA President**

8:30-10:00 am | **Research the SOLE way - Mary Woodard and Debbie Swartz / Mesquite ISD**

Research experiences for grades 3-5 are based on the concept of a Self Organized Learning Environment. SOLES are created when educators encourage kids to work as a community to answer essential questions by using the internet.

10:00-10:30 am | Break Sponsored by: **The Child's World & Bearport Publishing**

10:30-12:00pm | **Learning Commons and Librarian – Jo Ann Conlon / Spring Branch ISD**

See how Spring Branch ISD has transformed library spaces to learning commons model. Jo Ann will explain how the district's new librarian appraisal tool leads to vertically aligned skills and a lesson database.

12:00-1:00 pm | Lunch Sponsored by: **Follett Corporation**

1:00-1:30 pm | **L4L TEKS Wiki - Carmen Escamilla / United ISD and Susi Grissom / Dallas ISD**

Creating strong relationships with classroom teachers increases success in library skill development as well as in content areas. Using the AASL National Standards to help increase student achievement and link to curriculum is the key!

1:30-2:30 pm | **TLA School Library Administrator Toolbox – Terry Roper / ESC 10**

Hiring a librarian is a challenging task. Hear about how selection and employing a strong librarian can lead to a strong library program.

2:30-3:00 pm | Break Sponsored by: **ABDO Publishing & Scholastic Library Publishing**

3:00-4:30 pm | Building a Culture of Reading - PISD, AISD, HISD

Programming initiatives to keep reading a priority on campuses are highlighted by several districts. Hear about district wide contests like Battle of the Books and Name That Book as well as other local programming.

4:30-5:00 pm | TLA Update, Texas Library Association

6:30 pm | Tuesday Dinner Sponsored by: Mackin Educational Resources

- **Texas Land & Cattle, 6007 North IH 35**

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

7:00-8:00 am | Breakfast Sponsored by: Capstone

8:00-10:00 am | Communication: Say What You Need To Say So Others Will Listen / Debbie Hamilton, Region IV (Partial sponsorship by Follett Educational Resources)

How many times have you had the same conversation over and over and the results never change? How can you have a difficult conversation without isolating the other individual? Complicated conversations can be thorny and complex, but they can be held with both parties leaving with a feeling that they've been heard and respected. In addition, for the first time in our country, we have four different generations working and learning together and they each bring their own challenges to the workplace. Learn some strategies to use during those difficult talks when stakes are high.

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2:00-2:30 pm | TexQuest – Ann Vyoral / ESC 20

Hear about TexQuest resources and learn about communicating how these invaluable resources can make big differences in your district.

2:30-3:00 pm | Break Sponsored by: Escue & Associates

3:00-5:00 pm | Makerspace Faire – Sandy Farmer / Houston Public Library, Jennifer Rike / Mansfield ISD, Tara Hoopes / Alief ISD, April Stone / Leander ISD, Leah Mann / Lewisville ISD

Come out and play with the latest and greatest makerspace tools and activities. Hear from librarians and how they are making Makerspaces a reality in their libraries.

6:00 pm | Wednesday Dinner Sponsored by: Britannica, EBSCO, Bound to Stay Bound Books

- **The Oasis, 6550 Comanche Trail**

NEW THIS YEAR: FREE bus to the dinner!!

Thursday, June 18, 2015

7:00-8:00 am | Breakfast Sponsored by: **Perma-Bound**

8:00-8:30 am | TASLA Business Meeting

8:30-9:00 am | TSLAC Update Mark Smith, Texas State Library Archives & Commission

9:00-9:45 am | TEA Update Karen Kahan, Texas Education Agency

9:45-10:30 am | Students Need Libraries – Grassroots Advocacy in Action - Dorcas Hand / Annunciation Orthodox School and Debbie Hall / Retired Houston ISD

Making your voice heard can be a challenge... finding the right audience and keeping a positive message as your goal. Librarians can make a difference with school board members, outside organizations and other interested groups when making the needs of students known.

10:30-11:30 pm | Len Bryan, School Program Coordinator / Texas State Library Archives & Commission

11:30-12:00 pm | Telling YOUR story - Social promotion in your library – Sofia D’Arcy – Houston ISD

No one can do everything all the time... but this short session will highlight a few ideas that you can implement in your school or district to create awareness of what your program is all about.

12:00 pm | Dismissal