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**New Members Round Table  
Journey Map**

**TLA 2026 Conference Journey Map**

# New Member / First Timer Journey Map

## New Members Round Table

This journey is for the new librarian or staff member starting out in public, school or academic libraries. The following conference sessions and networking events are suggested to assist you in thriving in your new role within the library community by building your professional network as well as developing your leadership potential

**New Members Round Table aims to:**

**Bring together new librarians, library staff, or new TLA members for orientation to the scope and potentialities of the profession; To acquaint them with the structure, purpose, and resources of TLA; and To promote a greater sense of responsibility among the newer members of TLA for the development of library service and librarianship in Texas.**

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**Sunday, March 29, 8:00 – 9:00 AM**

**Caffeinated Connections: Brewing Community from the First Cup**

**Sunday, March 29, 9:30 – 10:30 AM**

**TLA Conference Kick Off**

**Sunday, March 29, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Effective Networking for Library Professionals**

**Sunday, March 29, 2:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Exhibit Hall Grand Opening**

**Sunday, March 29, 4:30 – 5:30 PM**

**CULD Social - Library Leadership (alumni Launch & Tall) Social**

**Sunday, March 29, 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

**TASL Awards & Social**

**Sunday, March 29, 5:15 – 6:15 PM**

**Innovation and Technology Social**

**Sunday, March 29, 6:00 – 7:45 PM**

**PLD Social**

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**Monday, March 30, 10:00 – 11:00 AM**  
**Cool Jobs OR TLA Leadership  
Opportunities (LAUNCH and TALL Texans)**

**Monday, March 30, 12:30 – 1:30 PM**  
**Picnic Perspectives: A Lunch Gathering  
for First-Timers**

**Monday, March 30, 1:00 – 2:00 PM**  
**Thriving! Not Just Surviving: Tips for  
New(ish) School Librarians**

**Monday, March 29, 2:30 – 3:30 PM**  
**Mentor Speed Dating**

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 PM**  
**Black Caucus Round Table Reception**

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**Tuesday, March 31, 9:00 – 10:00 AM**  
**Build Your Network at the Latino Caucus Cafecito!**

**Tuesday, March 31, 9:00 – 10:30 AM**  
**Small Community Libraries Round Table**  
**Morning Social**

**Tuesday, March 31, 9:30 – 10:30 AM**  
**Preparing for Success: Strategies for New Teaching Librarians**

**Tuesday, March 31, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Cultivating Empathetic Librarianship for a Thriving Community**

**Tuesday, March 31, 12:30 – 1:30 PM**  
**New Director Networking Hour**

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