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HOUSTON ★ MARCH 29-31

Public Libraries Division

TLA 2026 Conference Journey Map

Library Director/Manager Journey Map

Public Libraries Division

This journey is for library directors, managers, and supervisors. Connect with fellow leaders around the state, learn how to motivate your team, and get the scoop on current hot topics in libraries.

About Public Libraries Division:

PLD provides opportunities for public librarians to continue their professional development and advocate for public libraries at all levels, as well as facilitate cooperation between all types of Texas public libraries and librarians, including other related institutions and individuals to improve public library services in the state.

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Library Director/Manager Journey Map

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Sunday, March 29, 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Play, Practice, Perform: Improv Games for Communication and Team Building

Sunday, March 29, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

You're in the Director's Seat and You're Never Alone!

Sunday, March 29, 6:00 – 7:45 PM

PLD Social PM Capitol Update: Texas Legislator Shares Insights on Library Issues

Monday, March 30, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Building Peer Leadership with an Organizational Mentorship Program

Monday, March 30, 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Your Public Library Presents Jennifer Mathieu

Tuesday, March 31, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Library Giving Day: A Case Study

Tuesday, March 31, 12:30 – 1:30 PM

New Director Networking Hour

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Youth Services Librarian Journey Map

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Sunday, March 29, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Sensory Festival: Programming for Our Neurodivergent Community

Sunday, March 29, 12:30 – 1:30 PM
Beyond Baby Storytime: Innovative Programming for Infants and Caregivers

Sunday, March 29, 6:00 – 7:45 PM
PLD Social

Monday, March 30, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Celebrating Young Authors at Your Library

Monday, March 30, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Bridges and Books: Stories that Connect Cultures

Tuesday, March 31, 8:00 – 9:00 AM
From Colors to Code: Preschool to Teen Robotics Club in Your Public Library

Tuesday, March 31, 9:30 – 10:30 AM
Mobilize Your Teen Advisory Board: Programs, Community Service, and Outreach

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Adult Services Librarian Journey Map

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Building and Connecting a Community of Adult Readers

Sunday, March 29, 12:30 – 1:30 PM
Swoons & Screams Author Panel

Sunday, March 29, 6:00 – 7:45 PM
PLD Social

Monday, March 30, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Notable Non-fiction for Adults

Monday, March 30, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Book Buzz I

Monday, March 30, 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Your Public Library Presents Jennifer Mathieu

Tuesday, March 31, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Access for All: Redefining Inclusive Public Libraries

Tuesday, March 31, 12:30 – 1:30 PM
Empowering Communities Through Public Library Makerspaces

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Outreach Librarian Journey Map

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Community Collaboration: Academic, Public, and School Libraries Unite

Sunday, March 29, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Building Your Brand to Build Community

Sunday, March 29, 6:00 – 7:45 PM
PLD Social

Monday, March 30, 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Strengthening Your Community: Creative, Cost-Effective Library Programming with Local Partnerships

Monday, March 30, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Mychal Threets: A Celebration of Library Joy

Monday, March 30, 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Expanding Access and Sharing Community Initiatives

Tuesday, March 31, 9:30 – 10:30 AM
Mobilize Your Teen Advisory Board: Programs, Community Service, and Outreach

Tuesday, March 31, 12:30 – 1:30 PM
Community Building Through Social Media in Today's Public Library Landscape

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