

## Professional Organizations

### **Texas Association of School Librarians**

<http://www.txla.org/groups/TASL>

#### *TLA Annual Conference*

April 10-13, 2017, Dallas, Texas

The TLA Annual Conference provides librarians with an outlet to network with other library professionals and learn ideas from others. The conference provides a marketplace of ideas, library services, and educational resources. Attendees attend sessions with published authors and other leaders in education that regularly inspire librarians. The exhibit hall houses vendors for technology companies, publishing companies, university representatives, and other retail companies. Authors are scheduled so that attendees can meet and have books autographed. Many publishing companies have giveaways of posters, bags, and books.

#### *Texas Book Festival*

November 4-5, 2017, Austin, Texas

The festival connects authors and readers to celebrate reading. Authors from all over, primarily from Texas, are present to sign autographs and answer questions. Attendees can even get a picture with their favorite authors. The festival also offers live music, children's activities, literary readings, cooking demonstrations, local food trucks, and vendors. It is one of the nation's most prestigious book festivals.

### **Friends of the San Antonio Public Library**

<http://www.friendsofsapl.org/>

July 29-30 = the Igo book and bake sale

Friends of the Library board meeting, Sept. 21st at 2pm (Great Northwest Library)

### **International Association of School Librarianship**

<http://iasl-online.org>

Annual Conference- One annual conference is scheduled each year during the summer months in one host city around the world. These conferences have occurred all around the globe and each year features a different theme, from diversity to empowering learners in the digital age. The 2017 conference will be held in Long Beach, California with a theme of "Learning Without Borders" and the 2018 conference will be in Istanbul, Turkey with the theme of "Innovation, Information and Impact of School Libraries."

Regional Conferences- These conferences mirror the annual conferences but are regions specific and do not occur as regularly or frequently as the annual conference. The last one happened in

2016 for Latin America and the Caribbean. They may be held in partnership with another organization, which happened in 2015 when the US Regional Conference happened in Texas with the TLA.

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)

<http://www.iste.org/>

ISTE hosts an annual conference and expo in June. Last year's was in San Antonio, and 2018's will be in Chicago. The expo offers keynote speakers, professional development, and booths that feature ed tech related businesses.

ISTE also hosts monthly Twitter chats. These occur in the afternoon last Tuesday of each month. This month's chat will be from 1:00-9:00 on Tuesday, July 25th.

The events page on the ISTE website includes conferences and events from a variety of organizations, such as the Schools of the Future Conference and several regional technology in education groups. This allows members to stay connected and attend conferences no matter in what part of the country they may live.