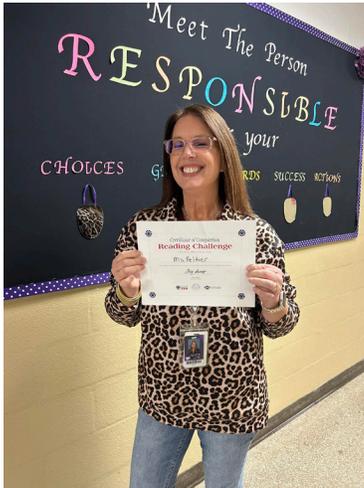


Texas America 250 Reading Challenge Media Mentions

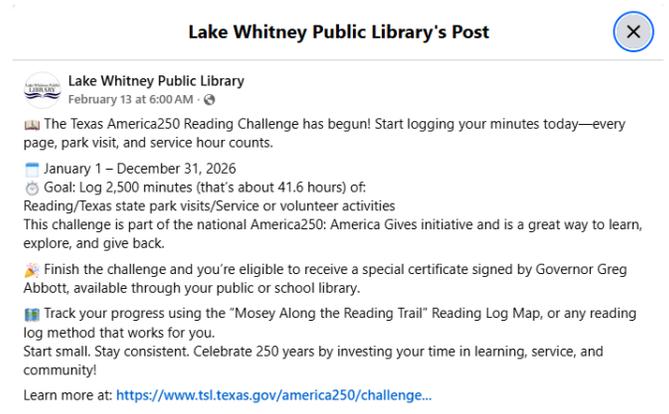
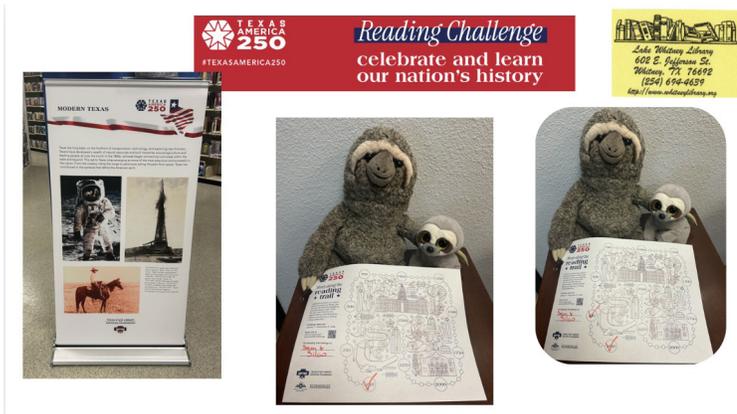
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City of McAllen TX Government's Post



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📖 ✨ Turn the Page and Take the Challenge with the Texas America250: calling on readers of all ages to read, learn, and serve.

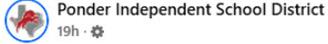
Join the McAllen Public Library in this statewide initiative by logging reading minutes, attending programs, volunteering, and exploring Texas history at your own pace through December 31.

Your first step is to sign up for your library card.

Participants who complete the challenge can earn a commemorative certificate signed by the Governor.



Ponder Independent School District's Post



Big things are happening at Ponder ISD! Our district has been diving head-first into the Texas America250 Reading Challenge, and the results from our first week are incredible. Together, we've already clocked 6,605 minutes spent reading, volunteering, and exploring our beautiful state parks!

A huge shoutout to our campus leaders so far:

PES (3,971 mins): Way to go, Jude Kennedy and Elliot Rexroat!

PUES (1,163 mins): Amazing work, Abigail Rexroat and Margo Marks!

JH (120 mins): Leading the pack are Gabriella Dewberry and Lillie-Ann Trent!

HS (876 mins): High five to Addyson Heathcock and Jocelyn Ellis!

[Ponder High School](#) [Ponder Elementary School](#) [Ponder Jr. High Lions](#)

Our PHS Student Council helped kick things off this morning with hot chocolate and bookmarks to keep the momentum going. We are so proud of our students for making this such a great start!



WICHITA FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

MCALLEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

City of Wichita Falls Public Library's Post



This year, libraries across Texas are celebrating!
 From January 1 to December 31, 2026, we invite Texans of all ages to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits, and/or service activity, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.
 Stop by the library to pick up your reading log map and participation guide.
 Find more information at <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge>



Reading Challenge
 celebrate and learn
 our nation's history

★★ THROUGH YOUR LIBRARY ★★

Log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits, and/or service activity in 2026

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McAllen Public Library's Post



Take part in the Texas America 250 Reading Challenge at McAllen Public Library. From January 1 through December 31, log 2,500 minutes of reading, Texas state park visits, or service activities in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary. The challenge is self guided, and tracking logs are available at the service desks.
 For full details, visit www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge



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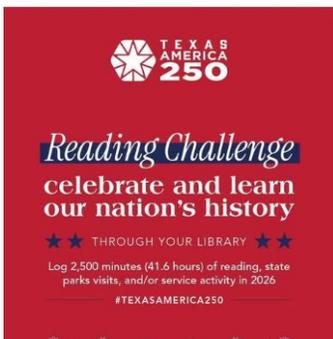
NAVASOTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Navasota Public Library's Post



Join us in celebrating America 250 with a Reading Challenge! Log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, visiting state parks and/or service activities!
 Navasota Public Library has registered to be part of this awesome event!
 Log your reading hours and bring it to the library to receive a certificate of completion!
 More information at: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge>
 #texasamerica250 Texas State Library and Archives Commission



Reading Challenge Participation Guidelines

The Texas Center for the Book, headquartered at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), is excited to encourage Texans to join us in the TSLAC Texas America250 Reading Challenge, part of the national America250 America 250s initiative.

From January 1 to December 31, 2026, we invite Texans of all ages to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits, and/or service activity, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

Participants can log their time:

- Reading books and/or listening to audiobooks. We especially encourage reading about Texas and American history, as well as Texas and American nature, wildlife, and space exploration topics.
- Attending library storylines or other library events.
- Volunteering in their local communities.
- Visiting a Texas State Park (Texas Parks and Wildlife is a Texas America250 partner).

Texas State Parks - Find a park and plan your visit! Visit the website to make a park reservation, browse resources and trail maps, buy park passes, access maps and rates, learn about upcoming activities, download the State Parks Mobile App, and much more.

America 250s - Whether picking up to support our veterans and military families, or restoring nature trails, or mentoring youth, or picking up litter, or anything in between - there's a way for everyone to give back. Explore volunteer opportunities near you and find the right fit for you to participate as we get ready for America's 250th anniversary.

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Literacy Texas's Post



"Taylor librarians are urging locals to take part in a statewide initiative that challenges folks to read, explore or volunteer as part of the Texas America250 Reading Challenge.
 The program, which runs until Dec. 31, asks participants to log 2,500 minutes of reading, visiting state parks or performing community service in honor of the nation's 250-year anniversary."



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Nocona Public Library

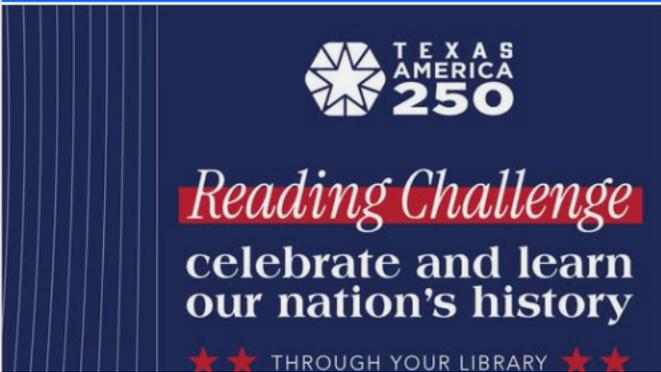


Lory Hunt

Moderator · February 9 at 12:29 PM · 🌐

To mark our nation's 250th anniversary this year, the Texas State Library has announced the "Texas America 250" Reading Challenge.

Read 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) or visit our state parks or serve our community during 2026, report your completed activity time to the library and receive a certificate celebrating your achievement!



Bastrop County Museum & Visitor Center's Post



Bastrop County Museum & Visitor Center

February 3 at 3:49 PM · 🎵 Yorktown (The World Turned Upside Down) [Instrumental] · Original Broadway Cast of Hamilton · 🌐

Ready for a reading revolution? 📖🇺🇸

Our gift shop is stocked with books on U.S. and Texas history, including *Forge* by Laurie Halse Anderson—our featured read for this month's Book Challenge!

👦 Kids in grades 4–8: read *Forge*, answer a few weekly questions, and earn a sweet reward from Jeremiah's. History never tasted so good. See website for details.

You'll also find books on the American Revolution, Texas history, and stories that bring the past to life. Perfect for readers of all ages.

Even better? Texas America 250 is challenging Texans to read more American and Texas history this year. Chart your reading journey on their uniquely Texan Reading Trail then come to the museum to pick up your certificate once you've completed it! 🔍 Google "Texas America 250 Reading Challenge" to learn more.

📖 Your mission: grab a book, crack it open, and let history surprise you.

Follow us for more Bastrop County history and community events!



Mae S. Bruce Library's Post



Mae S. Bruce Library

January 27 at 10:17 AM · 🌐

The Mae S. Bruce Library, in partnership with the Texas Center for the Book and the [Texas State Library and Archives Commission](#) (TSLAC), invites Texans of all ages to participate in the statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge, which launched Jan. 1 and continues through the end of the year.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2026, all Texans are invited to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits and/or service activity as part of the national America250 America Gives initiative, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

Upon completion of the Reading Challenge, participants are eligible to receive a special certificate signed by Governor Greg Abbott. The Texas America250 Reading Challenge is self-reported. Participants can track their time using the "Mosey Along the Reading Trail" Log, available at the library, or using their own reading log or other method—then report completion to their local librarian to receive an official certificate. Full guidelines are available online at www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge.

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Burleson Public Library's Post



Burleson Public Library

January 22 at 2:00 PM · 🌐

📖🇺🇸 Join the Texas America250 Reading Challenge!

Read. Reflect. Celebrate Texas history. Track your progress in Beanstack or use a paper reading log—whatever works best for you.

- ✓ Read at your own pace
- ✓ Open to all ages
- ✓ Earn a completion certificate when you finish

Visit our website to learn more!

<https://www.burlesontx.com/2960/Texas-America250>
#America250 #TexasReads #LibraryChallenge #BurlesonReads



WHITE OAK LIBRARY

White Oak Library's Post



As part of the national America250 America Gives initiative, the Texas Center for the Book, headquartered at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, encourages Texans to join us in reinvigorating a national year-round culture of service in the United States through 2026 and beyond. From January 1 to December 31, 2026, we invite Texans of all ages to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits, and/or service activity, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

Participants can log their time:

- Reading books and/or listening to audiobooks. We especially encourage reading about Texas and American history, as well as Texas and American nature, wildlife, and space exploration topics.
- Attending library storytimes or other library events.
- Volunteering in their local communities.
- Visiting a Texas State Park.

The Texas America250 Reading Challenge is self-reported. Let us know when you have completed the challenge, and we can print out a certificate for you.
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge>



TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Taft Public Library's Post

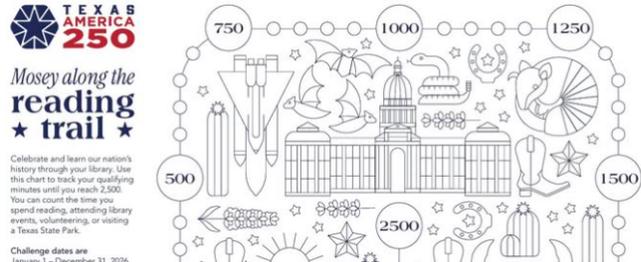


The Taft Public Library, in partnership with the Texas Center for the Book and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), invites Texans of all ages to participate in the statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge!

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2026, all Texans are invited to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits and/or service activity as part of the national America250 America Gives initiative, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

Upon completion of the Reading Challenge, participants are eligible to receive a special certificate signed by Governor Greg Abbott. Participants can track their time using the "Mosey Along the Reading Trail" Log, available at the library, or using their own reading log or other method—then present your completed log at the library to receive your signed certificate. Full guidelines are available online at www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge.

Combine your reading trail reading with your #TaftReads2026 bingo and complete both challenges at once!



ONALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Onalaska Library's Post



Join the Texas America250 Reading Challenge!

The Onalaska Public Library is excited to partner with the Texas Center for the Book and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) to invite Texans of all ages to take part in the statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge!

January 1 – December 31, 2026, log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state park visits, and/or service activities. This challenge is part of the national America250 – America Gives initiative, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States. It's a fun and meaningful way to read, explore, and give back while honoring our nation's history.

🌟 Everyone is welcome—start logging your minutes today and join this historic celebration! Receive a Certificate of Completion signed by the Governor of Texas from your local library. Register below.



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PIONEER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Pioneer Memorial Library's Post



Now this is how you celebrate America's 250th birthday! 🎉🇺🇸
 Join the reading challenge that [Texas State Library and Archives Commission](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/america250) is hosting!
 For more information and where to download the reading log click the link below!
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/america250>



3 likes, 1 comment, 1 share

The screenshot shows the website's header with the newspaper name and navigation links. A large banner for the Texas America 250 challenge is prominent, with a '2 articles remaining' indicator. Below the banner, there are sections for 'Discover the Good Life in the Texas Hill Country', 'Enjoy the Water' (with a note about boat safety), and 'Subscribe to the online newsletter'. A sidebar on the right shows a 'Fredericksburg Standard' logo and a 'Texas Center for the Book' logo.

The screenshot shows the Austin County News Online website. The main headline reads 'WEST END LIBRARY SPONSORS TEXAS AMERICA250 CHALLENGE FOR 2026'. Below the headline is a date 'Feb 17, 2026' and a location 'Austin County News, Walls, Industry, New Ulm, San Felipe News'. A large image shows the West End Library building with a sign that says 'WEST END LIBRARY Where Adventures Begin Est. March 12, 1979 Austin County Library System'. Below the image is a text block stating: 'The Austin County West End Library is proud to announce its sponsorship of the Texas America250 Challenge, a year-long initiative encouraging citizens of all ages to help celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary of independence from England and the establishment of America's enduring democracy. The challenge invites participants to complete 2,500 minutes (approximately 41.66 hours) of activities throughout 2026. Participants should track their time using official log forms and submit completed logs by December 31, 2026.'

Coleman Public Library Announces Texas America250 Reading Challenge

Jan 30, 2026



Coleman Public Library Announces Texas America250 Reading Challenge

The Coleman Public Library, in partnership with the [Texas Center for the Book](#) and the [Texas State Library and Archives Commission \(TSLAC\)](#), invites Texans of all ages to participate in the statewide [Texas America250 Reading Challenge](#), which launched Jan. 1 and continues through the end of the year.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2026, all Texans are invited to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading state parks visits and/or service activity as part of the national [America250 America Gives](#) initiative, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

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Onalaska library announces Texas America250 Reading Challenge

Posted Wednesday, January 21, 2026 2:38 pm

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The Onalaska Public Library, in partnership with the [Texas Center for the Book](#) and the [Texas State Library and Archives Commission \(TSLAC\)](#), invites Texans of all ages to participate in the statewide [Texas America250 Reading Challenge](#), which launched Jan. 1 and continues through the end of the year.

Cameron Public Library Hosts Texas America250 Exhibit and Announces New

Elena Berkes
Contributed Article

The Cameron Public Library is hosting an exhibit in celebration of our nation's Semiquincentennial. The Texas America250 exhibit was generously gifted to the library by the **Texas State Library and Archives Commission**.

The exhibit highlights historically significant Texas treasures from the State Archives, encouraging all Americans to explore the story of the Lone Star State over the past 250 years. From Spanish missions to the space race, it showcases the landscape, culture, economy, and people of Texas who have played essential roles in the development of the United States.

TSLAC also invites Texans of all ages to join its statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge in 2026. Visit www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/

to stay informed on upcoming events across the state.

Texas America250 will

through July 31, 2026, at the Cameron Public Library during normal business hours.

New Additions to the Library Collection:

The Great Forgotten by K.L. Murphy

What Boys Learn by Andromeda Romano-Lax

Additions to Series: Riches Beyond Measure #3; Golden State Treasure by Mary Connealy

Direct Action #10: Presidential Agent by W.E.B. Griffin

A Moment to Love #3: Hope of Cheyenne by Tracie Peterson

Sleep While I Sing #2: Alberg & Cassandra by L.R. Wright

Adult Nonfiction: The Everything Easy High-Protein, Low-Carb Cookbook by Michelle Fagone

Children's: Dinosaurus: Exploring Prehistoric Life and Geological Time by Rachel Lignotsky

Blue: I Love My

Book Talons of Power #9: Wings of Fire Graphic by Sui T. Sutherland

Public computers are available by appointment from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a one-hour time limit. Printing is available for 25 cents per page. Fax services are offered at \$1 per page and copies at 10 cents per page. At this time, the library accepts cash and check only.

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Friday through Sunday. Books may be renewed online at Cameron.Bibliomix.com or by phone during business hours. Phone renewals are available for books that have not been checked out for more than 30 days and are not on reserve for other patrons.

The library is located at 304 E. Third Street in Cameron. A 24/7 book drop is available on the left side of the main door off Third Street.

Crosby County Libraries Announce Texas America250 Reading Chal

Crosbyton, Ralls, and Lorenzo, TX – The Crosby County Library in Crosbyton, Lorenzo, and Ralls, in partnership with the **Texas Center for the Book** and the **Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)**, invites Texans of all ages to participate in the statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge, which launched Jan. 1 and continues through the end of the year.

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Upon completion of the Reading Challenge, participants are eligible to receive

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We look forward to joining Texans across the state reading, volunteering and visiting our beautiful Texas state parks as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Crosby County Library is delighted to empower our community to celebrate and learn our nation's history with this Reading Challenge.

Reading books and/or listening to audiobooks. The **Texas Center for the Book** especially encourages reading about Texas and American history, as well as Texas and American nature, wildlife and space exploration topics.

- Attending library story times or other library events.

- Volunteering in their local communities.
- Visiting a Texas State Park.

Learn more about **TSLAC** and the Texas Center for the Book's Texas America250 programming at www.tsl.texas.gov/america250. Explore statewide events and initiatives at www.texasamerica250.com.

Crosby County Library
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Liberty library celebrates

America's 250th

By Celeste Denova

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LIBERTY — To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, the Liberty Municipal Library is hosting a free exhibit, highlighting the impact Texas has had on the country.

For the entire month of February, the Liberty Municipal Library will host a temporary exhibit, Texas America250, on loan from the

Liberty Municipal Library Director Amber Ursprung. "This is a great way for Texans of all ages to learn more about the state's role in U.S. history and explore some of our most treasured documents, photographs and artifacts."

The exhibit will highlight various Texas treasures from **TSLAC**.

ple who have made Texas what it is today.

The municipal library is one of many stops as Texas America250 will loaned to local public libraries, schools and other community organizations through the Semiquincenter al year of 2026.

TSLAC also invites Texans of all ages

Check it Out! Archer Public Library

The Archer Public Library in partnership with the **Texas Center for the Book** and the **Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)**, invites Texans of all ages to participate in the statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge, which launched Jan. 1 and continues through the end of the year.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2026, all Texans are invited to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits and/or service activity as part of the national America250 America Gives initiative, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

Upon completion of the Reading Challenge, participants are eligible to receive a special certificate signed by Governor Greg Abbott. The Texas America250 Reading Challenge

www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge.

In 1760, Deborah Sampson is born to Puritan parents in Plympton, Massachusetts. When her father abandons the family and her mother is unable to support them, Deborah is bound out as an indentured servant. From that moment on, she yearns for a life of liberation and adventure.

Twenty years later, as the American colonies begin to buckle in their battle for independence, Deborah, impassioned by the cause, disguises herself as a soldier and enlists in the Continental army. Her impressive height and lanky build make her transformation a convincing one, and it isn't long before she finds herself confronting the horrors of war head-on.

But as Deborah fights

In the dense pine forests of North Carolina, turpentiners labor, hacking into tree trunks to draw out the sticky sap that gives the Tar Heel State its nickname, and hauling the resin to stills to be refined. Among them is Rae Lynn Cobb and her husband, Warren, who run a small turpentine farm together.

Though the work is hard and often dangerous, Rae Lynn, who spent her childhood in an orphanage, is thankful for it—and for her kind if careless husband. When Warren falls victim to his own negligence, Rae Lynn undertakes a desperate act of mercy. To keep herself from jail, she disguises herself as a man named "Ray" and heads to the only place she can think of that might offer anonymity—a turpentine camp in Georgia named

Texas America250 Reading Challenge launched on Jan. 1

The **Texas Center for the Book** and the **Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)** invite Texans of all ages to participate in the statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge (www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge), which launched Jan. 1 and continues through the end of the year.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, Texans are invited to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits and/or service activity as part of the national America250 America Gives initiative, in honor of the nation's 250th anniversary.

A Joint Resolution of the 87th Texas Legislature, SCR 23, signed by Governor Greg Abbott on May 28, 2021, established the Texas America250 Commission, "to help celebrate the semiquincentennial of the United States." TSLAC is proud to work alongside the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism; the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission; the State Board of Education; and the Bullock Texas State History Museum on the state commission.

Upon completion of the Reading Challenge, participants are eligible to receive a special certificate signed by Governor Abbott from their public or school librarian. Librarians are invited to register online at tsl.texas.gov/america250/certificate to gain access to an online portal where they can print the certificates.

"We look forward to Texans across the state

Independence," said TSLAC Director and an Gloria Meraz. "TSLAC is delighted to communities to celebrate and learn our history through their local libraries wit of programming throughout 2026, inclu reading challenge, our online and lobby ex our traveling exhibits already on displ the state."

Participants can log their time:

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Visiting a Texas State Park.

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Reading logs do not need to be sub TSLAC. For other questions, check out t FAQ. These and many more resources at gov/america250/challenge.

TSLAC and the **Texas Center for the** excited to see people of all ages reading, v ing and spending time at state parks as p Texas America250 Reading Challenge.



By Angie Evans
Comanche Public Library
Social Media Programming

SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!

508 E. Central, Comanche

Monday - 9 am to 6 pm

Tuesday - 9 am to 8 pm

Wednesday - 9 am to 5 pm

Thursday - 9 am to 8 pm

Friday - 9 am to 8 pm

Saturday - 10 am to 3 pm

www.ComanchePublicLibrary.org

HOURS

Hello, Comanche friends! The Comanche Public Library, in partnership with the **Texas Center for the Book** and the **Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)**, invites Texans of all ages to participate in the statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge, which launched Jan. 1 and continues through the end of the year. From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2026, all Texans are invited to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits and/or service activity as part of the national America250 America Gives initiative, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

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Texas State Library and Archives Commission Announces Launch of Texas America250 Reading Challenge

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"Children are our greatest gifts," said Governor Abbott. "Reading unlocks a world of opportunities and enjoyment throughout life, which is why I encourage all young Texans to participate in the Texas America250 Reading Challenge. Through engaging in this challenge, our children will strengthen their reading skills, learn the importance of Texas and American history and prepare themselves to become the future leaders of the Lone Star State."

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volunteering and visiting our beautiful Texas state parks as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence," said TSLAC Director and Librarian Gloria Meraz. "TSLAC is delighted to empower communities to celebrate and learn our nation's history through their local libraries with a slate of programming throughout 2026, including this reading challenge, our online and lobby exhibit and our traveling exhibits already on display across the state."

Participants can

log their time:

- Reading books and/or listening to audiobooks. The **Texas Center for the Book** especially encourages reading about Texas and American history, as well as Texas and American nature, wildlife

MPL begins Texas America250 Reading Challenge

McALLEN – The McAllen Public Library invites readers of all ages to participate in the Texas America250 Reading Challenge, a statewide initiative led by the **Texas State Library & Archives Commission** and the **Texas Center for the Book**. The challenge encourages Texans to explore history, learning, and service as part of the nation's 250th anniversary.

Participants are invited to log 2,500 minutes of qualifying activities, including reading books or listening to audiobooks, attending library programs, volunteering, or visiting

lives."

"America250 is being recognized across Texas, and this challenge gives McAllen residents a way to be part of that shared experience," said Mayor Javier Villalobos. "It's an opportunity to reflect on our history while staying connected as a community."

"As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, communities across Texas are finding meaningful ways to educate, engage, and inspire residents," said City Manager Isaac J. Tawil. "Initiatives like this help connect history to everyday life and

Publication	Institution (if relevant)	Location	Type of Promotion	Promotion Date
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Moore County News Press		Dumas	News article	01/07/26
KDH News		Killeen	News article	01/07/26
KTBS		Shreveport, LA	News article	01/07/26
KAUZ		Wichita Falls	News article	01/07/26
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	Wolfe City Public Library	Wolfe City	Social media	01/12/26
Texas Border Business	McAllen Public Library	McAllen	News article	01/13/26
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	Pioneer Memorial Library	Fredericksburg	Social media	01/13/26
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	McAllen Public Library	McAllen	Social media	01/14/26
	Onalaska Public Library	Onalaska	Social media	01/14/26
Taylor Press	Taylor Public Library	Taylor	News article	01/14/26
Bowie News		Bowie	News article	01/15/26
Comanche Chief	Comanche Public Library	Comanche	News article	01/15/26
Terrell Tribune		Terrell	News article	01/15/26
Valley Business Report	McAllen Public Library	McAllen	News article	01/15/26
	Angleton Junior High Library	Angleton	Social media	01/16/26
Crosby County News	Crosby County Library	Ralls	News article	01/16/26
	Taft Public Library	Taft	Social media	01/16/26
	White Oak Library	White Oak	Social media	01/16/26
Alvin Sun and Advertiser	Brazoria County Library System	Alvin	News article	01/17/26
Archer County News	Archer Public Library	Archer	News article	01/21/26
Freestone County Times		Fairfield	News article	01/21/26
East Texas News	Onalaska Public Library	Livingston	News article	01/21/26
	Burleson Public Library	Burleson	Social media	01/22/26
Cameron Herald	Cameron Public Library	Cameron	News article	01/22/26
Forney Messenger		Forney	News article	01/22/26
Mission Progress-Times	McAllen Public Library	McAllen	News article	01/23/26
	Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library	Brenham	Social media	01/27/26
	Mae S. Bruce Library	Santa Fe	Social media	01/27/26
Archer County News	Archer Public Library	Archer	News article	01/29/26
Hondo Anvil-Herald	Hondo Public Library	Hondo	News article	01/29/26
Coleman Today	Coleman Public Library	Coleman	News article	01/30/26
Jacksonville Daily Progress	Jacksonville Public Library	Jacksonville	News article	02/01/26
	Bastrop County Museum & Visitor Center	Bastrop	Social media	02/03/26
County Star-News	Shamrock Community Library	Shamrock	News article	02/05/26
Post Dispatch		Post	News article	02/06/26
	Nocona Public Library	Nocona	Social media	02/09/26
	Richardson Public Library	Richardson	Social media	02/09/26
	City of Pampa	Pampa	Social media	02/09/26
	Belton High School Library	Belton	Social media	02/10/26
	Onalaska Small Business Alliance	Onalaska	Social media	02/10/26
	Martindale Community Library	Martindale	Social media	02/11/26
	Ponder ISD	Ponder	Social media	02/11/26
Archer County News	Archer Public Library	Archer City	News article	02/12/26
	Montgomery County Memorial Library System	Conroe	Social media	02/12/26
	George and Cynthia Woods Mitchell Public Library	The Woodlands	Social media	02/12/26
Hello Woodlands	Montgomery County Memorial Library System	The Woodlands	News article	02/12/26
	Lake Whitney Public Library	Lake Whitney	Social media	02/13/26
	McAllen Public Library	McAllen	Social media	02/14/26
Pampa News	Pampa Lovett Memorial Library	Pampa	News article	02/14/26
	Onalaska Small Business Alliance, Onalaska Public Library	Onalaska	Social media	02/15/26
Literacy Texas	Taylor Public Library	Taylor	Social media	02/15/26
	Thursday Literary Club of Nocona	Nocona	Social media	02/16/26
	Navasota Public Library	Navasota	Social media	02/17/26
Austin County News	West End Library	Industry	News article	02/17/26
Archer County News	Archer Public Library	Archer City	News article	02/18/26
	McAllen Public Library	McAllen	Social media	02/19/26
	Harmony Virtual Academy	Houston	Social media	02/19/26
	Ponder ISD	Ponder	Social media	02/19/26
	Wichita Falls Public Library	Wichita Falls	Social media	02/20/26
Lake Travis View	Lake Travis Community Library	Lakeway	News article	01/28/26
Palestine Herald-Press	Palestine Public Library	Palestine	News article	01/03/26
Cameron Herald	Cameron Public Library	Cameron	News article	01/15/26
Fredericksburg Standard	Pioneer Memorial Library	Fredericksburg	News article	01/28/26
Liberty Vindicator	Liberty Municipal Library	Liberty	News article	02/05/26