



TSLAC *Texas America250* Traveling Exhibits

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission is making a version of our 2026 lobby exhibit available to 700 Texas libraries, schools, courthouses and local governments, and other cultural institutions. TSLAC *Texas America250* traveling exhibits highlight historically significant Texas Treasures from our collections, including historical records from the State Archives. We also provide a media kit to assist institutions in promoting the exhibit.

TSLAC is empowering libraries, schools, and communities to explore the story of the Lone Star State over the past 250 years— together. From Spanish missions to the space race, the landscape, culture, economy, and people of Texas have all played essential roles in the development of the United States.

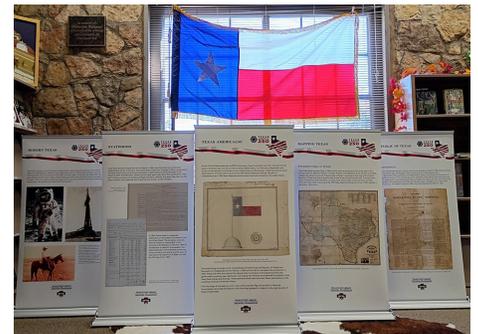
A limited number of exhibits became available starting in August 2025, and we distributed them on a first-come, first-served basis. More than 500 main public library locations received their exhibits directly from the vendor in October. And an additional 200 additional sets are being distributed to other applicants throughout the fall. Demand has already outstripped our supply.

Host institutions may display their exhibits any time from receipt through the America250 celebrations in 2026. There is no cost to exhibit hosts, including shipping/delivery, and exhibits do not need to be returned.

Here are a selection of recent photographs, comments, and news clips from public libraries who already have their exhibit on display. On the next page, there is a full list of all libraries that have shared photos, video, and/or feedback with us so far.



Austin Memorial Library, Cleveland



Bandera Kronkosky Public Library



Joe A. Hall Community Library, Venus



Palacios Library



Dallas Public Library



Muleshoe Public Library



Libraries That Have Shared Photos, Video, and/or Feedback

- Andrews County Library
- Austin Memorial Library, Cleveland
- Bandera Kronkosky Public Library
- Booker Public Library
- Canyon Public Library
- Castroville Public Library
- Daingerfield Public Library
- Dallas Public Library
- Dimmit County Public Library
- Eagle Pass Public Library
- Edinburg Public Library
- El Paso Public Library



The Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park in Houston also requested a traveling exhibit, which they highlighted during their "Happy Birthday Houston" event on August 23. TSLAC special guests included our chair, Dr. Martha Wong, who delivered remarks, State Archivist Jelain Chubb, and Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center Manager Alana Inman.

- Gibbs Memorial Library, Mexia
- George and Cynthia Woods Mithcell Library, The Woodlands
- Grapeland Public Library
- Hale Center Public Library
- Hemphill County Library
- Henderson County Library
- Hitchcock Public Library
- Joe A. Hall Community Library, Venus



- Knox Memorial Library, Wallis
- Livingston Municipal Library
- Marion Community Library
- Mesquite Public Library
- Mulshoe Public Library
- Palacios Library
- Palmview Municipal Library
- Paris Public Library
- Port Arthur Public Library
- Rube Sessions Memorial Library, Wells
- San Antonio Public Library
- San Augustine Public Library
- San Benito Public Library
- Valley Mills Public Library

Gibbs Memorial Library, Mexia

San Augustine Public Library

SA Public Library Hosts Traveling Exhibit

The San Augustine Public Library invites the public to view a new exhibit, Texas America250, on loan from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). Highlighting historically significant Texas Treasures from TSLAC's collections, Texas America250 will be loaned to local public libraries, schools and other community organizations starting in summer 2025 and continuing throughout the semiquincentennial year of 2026. Celebrate and learn our nation's history through your library!

The Texas America250 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, the landscape, culture, economy and people of Texas have played essential roles in the develop-

ment of the United States. "We are so excited to bring this traveling exhibit to the community," said Celeste Rainey, Library Director. "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."

TSLAC also invites Texans of all ages to join its statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge in 2026. Additional resources from TSLAC's extensive library collections, the E-Read Texas e-book program, the Talking Book Program and the Texas Center for the Book will be available later this year. Bookmark www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/ to stay informed about upcoming America250 programming.

Texas America250 will be on view for free beginning October 27, 2025 at the San Augustine Public Library in our Genealogy Department.

SA Public Library Hosts Traveling Exhibit

San Augustine Tribune

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San Augustine, TX

Palacios Library News

By Vikijane Mosier



Thanks to Ana for doing double duty in my absence and to board members, Cathy Fiorini and Kay Lawson, for helping so she could take lunch and pick up her children after school. It was probably in better shape in my absence but I am glad to be back. I had a great time visiting a lot of National Parks and it was good to rest easy knowing the library was in good hands.

Texas 250 years: Since Texas is now celebrating its 250th year as a state, The Texas State Library is commemorating this by delivering pop up banners for all the public libraries to display

homework helpers from high school that will work with them. We especially work on reading, spelling, math, but whatever they need help with our honor students will work with them.

Science Rocks: Due to some technical difficulties we were unable to bore the kids with my vacation pictures so we are going to do that next week. Thankfully Gwen had a rock painting activity of the children.

Story Hour: Last week Miss Vikijane read Bear and the Three Goldilocks by Patrick Home. You have to read it yourself because it is quite a take on the original story.

Palacios Library News

Palacios Beacon

Author: Vikijane Mosier

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Palacios, TX

Martin County Library Hosts Texas America250 Traveling Exhibit

STANTON – The Martin County Library is proud to host the Texas America250 Traveling Exhibit, a special display presented in celebration of the nation's upcoming Semiquincentennial—the 250th anniversary of the United States.

On loan from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), the exhibit will be available for public viewing at the Martin County Library from October 27, 2025, through December 2026.

Texas America250 highlights historically significant artifacts and documents from TSLAC's

to America's story. The exhibit is free and open to the public at the Martin County Library, located at 200 N. St. Mary in Stanton. Library hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (432) 756-2472.

Martin County Library Hosts Texas America250 Traveling Exhibit

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Stanton, TX

Dickens County-Spur Public Library hosts Free America250 traveling exhibit in celebration of nation's Semiquincentennial

STAFF REPORTS

AUSTIN—The Dickens County-Spur Public Library in Spur invites the public to view a new temporary exhibit, Texas America250, on loan from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) through 2026.

Highlighting historically significant Texas Treasures from TSLAC's collections, Texas America250 will be loaned to local public libraries, schools and other community organizations starting in summer 2025 and continuing throughout the semiquincentennial year of 2026. Celebrate and

development of the United States.

"We are so excited to bring this traveling exhibit to the community," said Library Director, Donnice Carruth. "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,

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The Texas America250

Dickens County-Spur Public Library hosts Free America250 traveling exhibit in celebration of nation's Semiquincentennial

Texas Spur

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Spur, TX

Quotes from Traveling Exhibit Recipient Libraries

"We are a small community library in rural western Travis County. Having an exhibit like this is hugely beneficial for our little library."

"What an exciting offer! We will be honored to exhibit these banners!"

"We are extremely excited and want to personally thank TLSAC for providing these exhibits to libraries."

"I've recently taken over as library director, and I am looking for any information that will get patrons in the library. This project may be actually what I'm looking for."

"We cannot wait to receive our Texas America250 traveling exhibit. So exciting."

"We are a tiny, rural library, and this would be a great asset to have."

"I have already been talking to my successor about the 250th birthday of America, so this is a wonderful opportunity to put together a meaningful exhibit that can be enjoyed by our city and county and surrounding counties."

"I think these traveling exhibits are wonderful! We would like to put them in our county libraries!"

"We are excited to have the opportunity to share Texas history with others in our community."