

TexShare is a consortium of Texas libraries joining together to share print and electronic materials, purchase online resources, and combine staff expertise.

TexShare services are available to patrons of participating member libraries all across Texas, regardless of institution type, size, or location. The consortium is administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Services

Member libraries may selectively participate in TexShare programs, which include:

- **TexShare Databases** (<http://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/databasespage.html>) (e-content)
- **TexShare Card Program** (<http://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/cardpage.html>) (reciprocal borrowing)
- **TexShare ILL protocol** (<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/illprot.html>)
- **TExpress Courier service** (<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/texpressfaq.html>)
- **TexTreasures Grants** (<http://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/textreasurespage.html>) (Competitive funding opportunity for digitization projects)

TexShare members and persons interested in the impact of TexShare services should refer to **[program statistics](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/statistics.html)** (<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/statistics.html>).

Membership

TexShare membership is available to Texas public libraries, academic institutions, and libraries of clinical medicine. Read our **[Web page on Eligibility](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/eligibility.html)** (<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/eligibility.html>) to find out if your library qualifies.

Libraries that don't qualify for TexShare membership may be able to join TexShare as **[affiliate members](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/affiliate.html)** (<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/affiliate.html>).

TexShare governance and member responsibilities

TexShare is a member-driven program administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The **[TexShare Mission and Strategic Direction](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/mission.html)** (<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/mission.html>) are set by representatives of member libraries. For more information on how TexShare operates, see our Web page on **[TexShare governance and member responsibilities](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/governance.html)** (<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/governance.html>).

History

TexShare has grown from 53 members in 1988 to almost 700 members today. **[See the history of TexShare here](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/history.html)** (<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/history.html>).

Keeping Up to Date

To keep up to date on TexShare programs, sign up for TexShare **[electronic mailing lists](https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/maillinglists.html)** (<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/maillinglists.html>). There are not many postings to the lists, but they will always alert you to the latest news on TexShare services.

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