



# TexasSpeaks

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THE MORE THINGS  
CHANGE...

## MENTORS WANTED!

We know how daunting our first year...or two...or five...can be. Educators are most successful when sharing and supporting! We are looking to update our mentor list to connect educators with one another to help share resources and serve as a sounding board. If you are interested in serving as a mentor, click the link below!

[Sign up to be a mentor here.](#)

## HELPFUL LINKS

[2020 Convention Minutes](#)

[Committee Chairpersons & TSCA Officers](#)

[July 2021 Newsletter](#)

## RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

Organizing a classroom library....where do we even begin?!

We all know the frustrations of trying to keep up with a classroom library. Materials go missing, we can't remember the title but we remember what it was about, we buy four copies of the same thing because we forget we've already purchased it before....

So we've been listening to teachers and learning what their top library systems are!

### [TINY CAT LIBRARY](#)

Create a library by entering an ISBN, Title, or Author. Summaries, publication information, and book cover graphics automatically generate. Create a student database of users to check materials in and out. Add tags to form easy to search categories.

### [LIBIB](#)

Create multiple libraries by scanning or searching titles/ISBNs. Import library lists from CSV files to update older systems, self checkout and holds option. Add tags to form easy search categories.

### [BOOK BUDDY](#) (App-Based)

Create libraries, add wishlists, app-friendly. check materials in and out, export library catalogue.



# BACK TO SCHOOL!

A welcome back to the new year. Post your back to school pictures on social media with #TSCABackToSchool to be entered to win a Staples Gift Card!



## RETURNING TO THE CLASSROOM

Some students are returning to face to face instruction for the first time since March 2020. We have been connected to devices and disconnected from one another. Here are some ideas of how to get students to find value in reconnecting!

- Cell Phones : Have students put their phones on loud for 15 minutes and track the number of times a notification goes off. Have a discussion about distractions from devices and what it takes from our in-person interactions.
- Mini-Interviews : Have students pair up and complete short interviews. Then have them introduce one another to the class.
- More than a Zoom Screen : Students create a self-portrait of them on "Zoom" and then extend it to show aspects about themselves that didn't translate well to distance learning.
- In Person Wish List : Have students create a list of what they've missed about in-person learning. Brainstorm in teams on how those things can be incorporated into the classroom.

## Interested in Serving?

If you are interested in serving on a committee or as a chairperson for TSCA, email:

- Aimee Kasprzyk at [AKasprzyk@cisd.org](mailto:AKasprzyk@cisd.org)
- Lacy Cannon at [lcannon@wtamu.edu](mailto:lcannon@wtamu.edu)
- Ryan Lovell at [ryan.lovell@amaisd.org](mailto:ryan.lovell@amaisd.org)

The following TSCA officer positions will be up for election at Convention in October 2021:

- VP Elect
- Executive Secretary
- Comptroller

If you are interested in running for office, you can email Tasha Jones at [tjones@tmisd.us](mailto:tjones@tmisd.us)

[Descriptions of position responsibilities can be found here.](#)

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Were you named Teacher of the Year? Did your team partake in an awesome community service project? Do you have an amazing resource or lesson plan you would like to share with your fellow educators? Would you like to nominate someone for the member spotlight? Email [socialmediaTSCA@gmail.com](mailto:socialmediaTSCA@gmail.com) so we can include it in a future Newsletter!