

**Trustee Report**  
**Manske Library Board**  
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**Implementation of SB 13-Materials Review in Public School Libraries:**

Our local CFBISD has some administrative procedures for the implementation of the new materials review law. but are awaiting a sample policy from the Texas Association of School Boards to develop board policy. The sample policy, which will undergo legal review, will be available to districts in November.

On the CFBISD Library Media Services page via the link below, you will find information about **Acquisitions** and forms to restrict the inclusion of donated books in school libraries. Under **Parental Guidance**, you will find a summary of parental rights, a form outlining how to restrict a specific book title for your own child, and Instructions to restrict materials at a school library. Under **Reconsideration Forms**, you will find a form to challenge materials at all school libraries.

The district has not put the community review committee in place. Note that the October Board Meeting acquisition list for approval includes approximately 1998 titles on 27 pages of exceedingly small print. Discussions are underway on how feasible it is for a committee to review and recommend that many titles. There will be additional lists monthly as the year progresses. Some of those issues may be resolved with the TASB sample policy, which is available in November.

**[Library Media Services - Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD](#)**

**News from the Texas Library Association:**

The latest issue of the state library newsletter has an article about the need for experienced librarians to mentor aspiring librarians to develop confidence and acquire skills rapidly. Some mentoring takes place within library staff or even across municipalities where libraries are near, which allows both live and virtual mentorships. This article caught my attention since mentors and mentoring were a key element of my career in education. The knowledge demands, use of technology, automation of procedures are happening so rapidly, mentoring is a viable way to keep up with trends. TLA offers online opportunities for connection through divisions, districts, and roundtables.

**[The Power of Mentorship: Strengthening Libraries Through Connection - Texas Library Association](#)**

**Slide into the Library:**

This program featured libraries that had PowerPoint Parties for patrons in their teens and early twenties. The slide shows featured fun presentations on topics of interest such as the

history of basketball, punk and folk music with embedded YouTube videos and the creation of memes and cartoon characters. A teen program in Hewitt, Texas, near Waco, grew in popularity because it was a safe atmosphere where the teens could be creative, inquisitive, and act silly with their presentations. Many shared their work on social media like TikTok and Instagram.

In Denver, CO, young black patrons aged 20-35 reviewed the history of black anime characters and studied the evolution of black superheroes and their unique characteristics. They also designed characters that might work well in horror movies or animated films. The Power Point Party was called Blerds for Black Nerds.

Sessions were usually held in Maker Space areas like the Manske Innovation Zone. The libraries sometimes provided laptops for patrons who needed one. It revived an old technology application into a creative, recreational outlet.

### [Slide into the Library | American Libraries Magazine](#)

#### **Input from Paul Shultz**

#### **National Friends of Libraries Week:**

Below is a link regarding celebrating National Friends of the Library Week beginning October 19. Although the Library Board cannot form such a group, the link keeps us mindful of gauging interest through our community networks for interest in forming such a group.

### [2025 National Friends of Libraries Week | ALA](#)

#### **Prevention of Ransomware Attacks:**

Libraries have been victimized by ransomware attacks according to the referenced article. Steps to prevent harm are outlined for library staff.

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2025/09/15/road-to-recovery/>

1. Don't pay the ransom.
2. Cyber-attack response plans should be created and training should take place.
3. Cyber insurance is useful.
4. Technical defenses should be robust: stronger firewalls, multifactor authentication, phishing simulations, and more robust intrusion detection.
5. Listen to the experiences of other libraries that have experienced cyber incidents.