

Trustee Report
Manske Library Board
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Legislation to Monitor:

House Bill 3225

Relating to the prohibition of access by minors to sexually explicit materials in municipal public library collections; providing a civil penalty.

Pending in State Affairs Committee. 25% through the legislative process.

[Bill Text: TX HB3225 | 2025-2026 | 89th Legislature | Introduced | LegiScan](#)

House Bill 2572

Relating to the authority of a public library to financially support the American Library Association.

Pending in House Culture Recreation and Tourism Committee. 25% through the legislative process.

[Texas-2025-HB2572-Introduced](#)

Senate Bill 13

Relating to a school district's library materials and catalog, the creation of local school library advisory councils, and parental rights regarding public school library catalogs and access by the parent's child to library materials.

Engrossed on March 19, 2025. Referred to House Public Education Committee. 50% through the legislative process. When a bill is engrossed, it means the bill has been officially updated to reflect all the amendments and changes made during its passage through a legislative chamber. It's essentially a formally printed version of the bill, incorporating all approved revisions, and it's a step before the bill is potentially enrolled and sent to the other legislative chamber.

[Bill Text: TX SB13 | 2025-2026 | 89th Legislature | Engrossed | LegiScan](#)

State of America's Libraries: A Snapshot of 2024

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Highlights of the ALA 2024 annual report include:

Libraries Serving the Community

Mental Health Initiatives

An example was from the San Francisco Public library. Free Addiction Recovery materials were provided to those in the community seeking a path to recovery. Librarians in the urban branches were trained and equipped to use Narcan for patrons who might need lifesaving intervention.

Support for Neurodivergent Citizens

In Western Kentucky a partnership between the Warren County Public Library, Western Kentucky University and Lifeworks, a facility for neurodivergent young people and those with cognitive disabilities helped create a “branch library” at the facility focusing on life skill training, job preparation and other needed educational programs.

There was a section discussing many different efforts around the country to make library spaces friendly for neurodivergent patrons including those with ADHD. Facility changes focused on the use of natural light, carpet for sound reduction, and a variety of examples of “calm spaces”.

Access for Community Members: A focus of many trends

One example of access in New Mexico is for the Native American communities. Extra funding for hot spot devices for loan on reservations, and the use of a NASA Science Activation Program. This program is improving science education for Native American students.

Hot Spot loaning devices is a trend in the report. The authors discussed a program in Georgetown, Delaware that expanded digital accessibility through library loaned hot spots. The ALA report claims 46.9% of libraries in the United States have hot spot check out services.