



## *Reading Challenge* **Participation Guidelines**

The [Texas Center for the Book](#), headquartered at the [Texas State Library and Archives Commission](#) (TSLAC), is excited to encourage Texans to join us in the [TSLAC Texas America250 Reading Challenge](#), part of the national America250 [America Gives](#) initiative.

From January 1 to December 31, 2026, we invite Texans of all ages to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits, and/or service activity, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

Participants can log their time:

- **Reading books and/or listening to audiobooks.** We especially encourage reading about Texas and American history, as well as Texas and American nature, wildlife, and space exploration topics.
- **Attending library storytimes or other library events.**
- **Volunteering in their local communities.**
- **Visiting a Texas State Park** ([Texas Parks and Wildlife](#) is a Texas America250 partner).

[Texas State Parks](#) – Find a park and plan your visit! Visit the website to make a park reservation, browse campsites and lodging, buy park passes, access maps and rules, learn about upcoming activities, download the State Park Mobile App, and much more.

[America Gives](#) – Whether pitching in to support our veterans and military families, or restoring nature trails, or mentoring youth, or picking up litter, or anything in between—there's a way for everyone to give back. Explore volunteer opportunities near you and find the right fit for you to participate as we get ready for America's 250th anniversary.

The Texas America250 Reading Challenge is self-reported. Let your school or public librarian know when you have completed the challenge, and they can print out a certificate for you.

A FAQ, as well as printable bookmarks and posters are also available on our [Texas America250 Reading Challenge](#) website at [www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge).

Learn more about TSLAC and the Texas Center for the Book's Texas America250 programming at [www.tsl.texas.gov/america250](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/america250). Explore statewide events and initiatives at [www.texasamerica250.com](http://www.texasamerica250.com)

