About TexShare

TexShare is a consortium of Texas libraries joining together to share print and electronic materials, purchase online resources, and leverage local support and expertise for the benefit of all Texans.

How many libraries are members of the TexShare Consortium?

- Public colleges and universities: 36
- Independent colleges and universities: 45
- Community and Junior Colleges: 55
- Medical Libraries: 14
- Public Libraries: 517
- Affiliate Members: 8

What Electronic Resources are available with TexShare support?

The TexShare Databases program allows libraries to provide authoritative and ad-free electronic articles, books, tutorials, and other resources to their patrons 24/7. The TexShare Databases are licensed for the exclusive use of TexShare libraries and their patrons.

TexShare Core FY17: 68 e-resources

- General Information Resources
- Books and Literature
- Business
- Career Development
- Genealogy and History
- Health and Medicine
- Homework and Education
- Language Learning
- Newspapers
- Science and Technology
- Spanish Language

How does TexShare support sharing of books and physical resources?

TexShare Cards provide library patrons with the privilege of visiting 524 public, academic, and medical libraries throughout the State of Texas to borrow books and other physical materials not available at their home libraries. In FY2016, over 425,000 items were circulated through the TexShare Card program.

The TexShare Card program complements traditional Inter-Library Loan. The Texas State Library and Archives Commission’s Navigator ILL program for public libraries supplied over 150,000 books, articles, and other items to Texas library patrons in FY2016.

To further support Inter-Library Loan, TexShare provides subsidies for 5-day, 3-day, or 2-day a week courier service to participating libraries throughout Texas through the TExpress courier, allowing libraries to reduce their postage and shipping fees.

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