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Amigos Library Services Partners with TSLAC to Provide SimplyE to Smaller Public Libraries

Dallas, TX – Amigos Library Services (Amigos) has announced a partnership with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) on the [E-Read Texas program](#) to bring electronic book (e-book) access to Texans served by small community libraries. This is part of a multi-phased statewide project to enhance public library e-book collections.

“We are very happy to be able to offer Texans access to these high-demand materials through their public libraries,” said Mark Smith, Director and Texas State Librarian. “We recognize the great need in communities across the state for diverse reading materials and are excited to partner with local libraries to provide cost-effective and user-friendly access to those resources.”

As a hosting and implementation provider for SimplyE – an open source e-book app – Amigos will partner with TSLAC to make this service available to approximately 225 small Texas public libraries. The SimplyE app combines titles from several e-book providers into a single, easy-to-use interface for library users. This functionality puts an end to searching multiple apps and makes enjoying a library e-book a “three click experience” – browse, check-out, and read. SimplyE is an Amigos service available to all interested public libraries, regardless of involvement in the E-Read Texas program.

“We are proud to partner with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in providing this easy access to electronic books for people of all ages. Enhancing the collections of public libraries and making these materials available 24/7 is a great benefit to communities in Texas, and elsewhere. We encourage everyone to get a library card to take advantage of this and the many other amazing things libraries offer for free,” said Alan Kornblau, President and Chief Executive Officer of Amigos Library Services.

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About Amigos Library Services

One of the largest consortia of libraries and cultural heritage institutions in the United States, [Amigos](#) is a 501(c)3 that has served the library community for 45 years. Through membership in Amigos, libraries collectively gain access to the latest innovations and services available, gain continuing professional education, and leverage their buying power. This relationship and availability of resources strengthen each member’s ability to serve and lead its constituency.

About the Texas State Library and Archives Commission

The [Texas State Library and Archives Commission](#) provides Texans access to the information they need to be informed, productive citizens by preserving the archival record of Texas; enhancing the service capacity of public, academic, and school libraries; assisting public agencies in the maintenance of their records; and meeting the reading needs of Texans with disabilities.