



It's likely that the students attending the Dayton ISD Special Education Winter Dance last Thursday wish every school day was this much fun.

Statewide reading challenge has begun

AUSTIN - The Texas Center for the Book and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) invite Texans of all ages to participate in the statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge, which launched Jan. 1 and continues through the end of the year.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2026, Texans are invited to log 2,500 minutes (41.6 hours) of reading, state parks visits and/or service activity as part of the national America250 America Gives initiative, in honor of our nation's 250th anniversary.

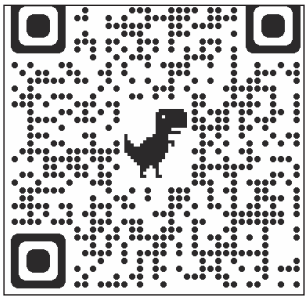
Upon completion of the Reading Challenge, participants are eligible to receive a special certificate signed by Governor Abbott from their public or school librarian. Librarians are invited to register using the QR code (certificate) to gain access to an online portal where they can print the certificates. Participants can log their time:

- Reading books and/or listening to audiobooks.
- The Texas Center for the

Book especially encourages 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.

The Texas America250 Reading Challenge is self-reported. Participants can track their time using the "Mosey along the reading trail" Reading Log Map, or with their own reading log or other method. Reading logs do not need to be submitted to TSLAC. These and many more resources are available at the Texas State Library website, using the QR code provided below, or searching texasamerica250.com.



Local authors' event coming to Jones

DAYTON - Jones Public Library is hosting a community event that will bring together over 35 local authors. The event is set for Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dayton Community Center, which houses the library.

The public will have the opportunity to meet and support authors from across

the area. A variety of books in various genres will be available for purchase. There will also be crafts and activities along with refreshments and free food. For more information, contact the library at 936-258-7060 or email jonespubliclibrary@daytontx.org. Visit the Jones Public Library event page on Facebook for additional information.

RU OK? free service through Liberty PD

LIBERTY - RU OK? is a free service provided through the Liberty Police Department to check on the welfare of senior residents who live alone or may not have someone to check on them. Personnel from the Liberty Police Department will call at regular inter-

vals to check to make sure all is well with the resident. To sign up for the program, contact Officer Whitehurst with the Liberty Police Department at 936-336-5666 or mwhitehurst@cityofliberty.org. The program is offered to all senior residents of Liberty.



Both ladies and gentlemen were having a lively, fun-filled day at the Dayton ISD Special Education Winter Dance last Thursday.

Amanuel Abreha, MD

Hospitalist

Amanuel Abreha, M.D. joined LDRMC in 2005. Dr. Abreha serves as Director of Medical and Respiratory Services, LDRMC Vice Chief of Staff, Liberty Dayton Medical Clinic Provider, Emergency Room Provider and Inpatient Hospitalist.

Dr. Abreha's desire to practice medicine started in his early teen years as he grew up in Eritrea, Africa, where he witnessed a significant need for doctors, nurses, and medical facilities to reduce deaths in his country. He received his M.D. at Addis Ababa University School of Medicine. After practicing medicine in Ethiopia for more than 6 years, Dr. Abreha and his family moved to the United States in 1994 to further his education. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Sinai Health Services at Queens Health Network in June 2000. Dr. Abreha continued working as faculty for Mount Sinai for 5 years. He worked in the department of ambulatory care and as an Associate Program Director of the Residency Training Program.

Dr. Abreha brings more than 30 years of clinical experience to LDRMC. His compassion for his patients shows in his medical practice as he says, "I love my patients and bond to them immediately like my own family members."

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An afternoon of wine, cheese and bingo!

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Special exhibit on loan at Liberty library

LIBERTY - The Liberty Municipal Library in Liberty invites the public to view a new temporary exhibit, Texas America250, on loan from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) beginning, February 1 through February 28, 2026.

Highlighting historically significant Texas Treasures from TSLAC's collections, Texas America250 will be loaned to local public libraries, schools and other community organizations an effort which started in summer 2025 and will continue throughout the semiquincentennial year of 2026. Celebrate and learn our nation's history through your library!

The Texas America250 exhibit highlights historically significant Texas Treasures from the State Archives, encouraging all Americans to explore the story of the Lone Star State over the past 250 years. From Spanish missions to the space race, the landscape, culture, economy and people of Texas have played essential roles in the development of the United States.

"The future looks to the past for inspiration. We are proud to be able to share this traveling exhibit with our commu-

nity," said Liberty Municipal Library Director, Amber Ursprung. "This is a great way for Texans of all ages to learn more about the state's role in U.S. history and explore some of our most treasured documents, photographs and artifacts."

TSLAC also invites Texans of all ages to join its statewide Texas America250 Reading Challenge in 2026. Additional resources from TSLAC's extensive library collections, the Talking Book Program and the Texas Center for the Book will be available later this year. Bookmark www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/ to stay informed about upcoming America250 programming.

Texas America250 will be on view for free through February 28, 2026, at the Liberty Municipal Library 1710 Sam Houston, Liberty, Texas, open Monday through Thursday 9 to 5 p.m., Friday 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 to 4p.m. For more information, visit <https://liberty.ploud.net/-america250-traveling-exhibit> or call 936-336-8901.

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