



President's Message

We have just finished our Thanksgiving break and are headed into the final stretch of 2015. I know we are all hurried to finish last minute projects, grade papers, conduct school performances, and get ready for our upcoming winter break. Before we head off for rest and relaxation, I would like to share TALE's accomplishments so far.

As an organization, we have accomplished a lot during the fall semester. First, as a result of our continued growth, we will have a new membership registration system beginning in January. The new system will allow for easier registration and renewal. Next, we have completed our 2015-2016 Strategic Plan. TALE's plan will enable the organization to continue to be an emerging literacy leader in Texas. Our committees are up and running, and working hard across the state. TALE has been very active in advocacy this year and has applied for the ILA's Advocacy Award. If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer for a committee, please visit the website, www.texasreaders.org.

In addition, the conference committee has partnered with the University of the Incarnate Word and the Specialized Literacy Professionals from ILA to develop the 2016 Literacy Summit in San Antonio, TX February 12th and 13th. The conference is filled with keynote speakers both Friday and Saturday, and sessions that will fulfill everyone's professional development wants. Please visit the website, www.texasreaders.org, to see a complete listing of speakers, hotel options, and registration information.

Finally, I would like to recognize and thank our past TALE journal editors, Susan Szabo, Debra Lee, Sheri Vasinda, and Leslie Haas, for their dedication and commitment to the TALE journal. These outstanding scholars started the TALE journal and we are extremely grateful for their guidance and leadership. Thank you again.

Thank you all for being part of the TALE family and for your continued support. I wish you a wonderful rest of the semester and a relaxing winter vacation.

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2015-2016 President