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# Turn the Page and Take the Challenge with the Texas America250 Calling on readers of all ages to read, learn, and serve

The McAllen Public Library invites readers of all ages to participate in the *Texas America250 Reading Challenge*, a statewide initiative led by the Texas State Library & Archives Commission and the Texas Center for the Book. The challenge encourages Texans to explore history, learning, and service as part of the nation's 250th anniversary.

Participants are invited to log 2,500 minutes of qualifying activities, including reading books or listening to audiobooks, attending library programs, volunteering, or visiting Texas state parks. Activities are self-reported, and reading logs are available at McAllen Public Library.

Those who complete the challenge are eligible to receive a commemorative certificate signed by Governor Greg Abbott. The *Texas America250 Reading Challenge* runs through December 31, offering a flexible way for individuals and families to participate at their own pace.

The Reading Challenge meets people where they are," said Kate Horan, Library Director. "Whether it's reading a book, attending a program, volunteering, or exploring Texas history, residents can take part in ways that fit their daily lives."

"America250 is being recognized across Texas, and this challenge gives McAllen residents a way to be part of that shared experience," said Mayor Javier Villalobos. "It's an opportunity to reflect on our history while staying connected as a community."

"As the nation approaches its 250th anniversary, communities across Texas are finding meaningful ways to educate, engage, and inspire residents," said City Manager Isaac J. Tawil. "Initiatives like this help connect history to everyday life and remind us that civic awareness and community involvement are essential to a strong future."

As part of *Texas America250*, the McAllen Public Library is hosting a traveling exhibit at the Main Library which features historically significant Texas Treasures from the State Archives that highlights further exploration of Texas history.

The *Texas America250* exhibit is free and open during regular library hours. For more information, email [referencelibrarian@mcallen.net](mailto:referencelibrarian@mcallen.net) or call 956.681.3060. Challenge details are available at [www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge](http://www.tsl.texas.gov/america250/challenge).

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