

Are you **bored** and finding yourself with an unusual amount free time at home?

Welcome to your TexShare Guide!

TexShare is a wonderful tool to access thousands of databases, articles and resources about more topics than you can imagine. From [crafts to do with your kids](#) and [improvement ideas for your house](#), to [legal information](#) and [practice tests for the SAT](#), this resource is paid for by your library so that you can access everything in it for **FREE** all year long. And these are just a few of the things you can find!!

So what is TexShare?

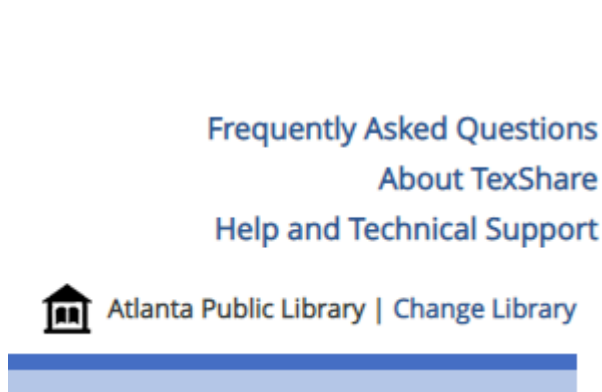
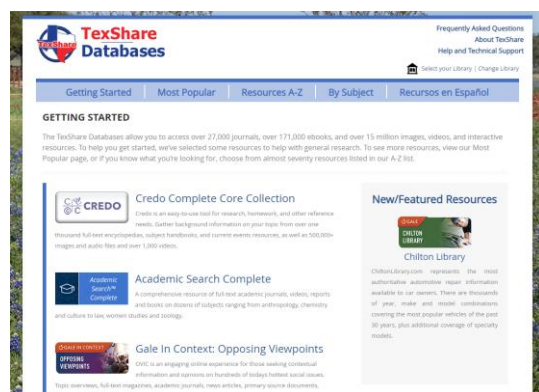
In a nutshell, it is a consortium of Texas libraries joining together to share print and electronic materials, purchase online resources, and combine staff expertise.

TexShare services are available to patrons of participating member libraries all across Texas, regardless of institution type, size, or location. The consortium is administered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

How do I navigate it?

Ah, you've come to the right place! It's actually pretty simple, with tons of interesting information and ideas to get lost in, but it doesn't look like much when you first open the site, so allow me to guide you to where you want to be.

This is the home page shown below. In theory, you will find some of the website's most popular resources here, but catching up on opposing viewpoints of current social issues may not be what you want to do with your free time- that's fine! This site has so much more to offer.



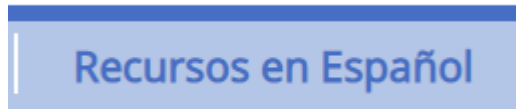
To get started, you will need to **select your library** from the drop-down menu in the top right corner. The right-side photo above is zoomed in on that section. Since we are Atlanta, we have the convenience of a name that sits right near the top!

You will need to call us at the library to get the password, because we are not allowed to post it publicly, but once you've got it you are set to go! Just give us a call at 903-796-2112 during our normal operating hours.

Once you've gotten logged in, you are free to access everything on the site. If you know what you want to look at, or have specific topics that interest you that you'd like to look into, try searching through the resources A-Z tab, or by subject.



There are also resources in Spanish!



If you don't have a particular topic you are looking for, then browse away. There are tons of great things to find for everyone of all ages and interests, and I will put a few examples down below, but this guide in no way shows the scope of the options available. So grab a snack, take a seat, and get lost!



Arts & Crafts



Collecting



Home & Garden



Decorating



Electrical



Kids' Crafts



Model Building



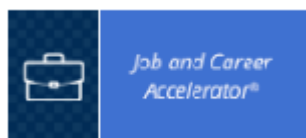
Needlecrafts & Textiles



Plumbing



Remodeling



Business Basics

