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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between: Speer Memorial Library

And: La Joya Independent School District (La Joya ISD) – Texas ACE Program

Effective Date: Upon Award Notice

Duration: 2026–2031 (Cycle 13)

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### Purpose

Through this memorandum, Speer Memorial Library expresses its willingness to partner with La Joya ISD in the Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) – Texas ACE Program, Cycle 13. The Texas ACE Program seeks to provide after-school enrichment, academic support, and family engagement opportunities for participating elementary campuses and feeder schools.

This partnership aims to enhance student learning, promote literacy enrichment, support safe and structured after-school environments, and encourage family and community engagement.

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### Partnership Parameters & Limitations

Speer Memorial Library shall not be obligated to provide additional staff, funds, supplies, equipment, or new programming beyond its standard operations. Participation is voluntary and contingent upon the availability of Texas ACE grant resources provided by La Joya ISD. This Memorandum shall not be interpreted to require the Library or its governing jurisdiction to appropriate funds or incur financial liability. Continuation or modification of the partnership shall be at the sole discretion of the Library and shall be subject to applicable policies and the availability of grant resources.

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### Scope of Partnership

Speer Memorial Library will collaborate with the Texas ACE Project Director, Program Specialist, and district leadership to offer literacy, enrichment, and family engagement opportunities that

align with library programming already in place and that can be supported by ACE grant resources. These efforts intend to support:

- Student Academic & Socio-Emotional Success: Enhancing literacy, reading comprehension, digital literacy skills, and providing supportive learning environments.
  - Staff Professional Collaboration: Coordinating with district and campus staff to align library resources with after-school enrichment offerings.
  - Family & Community Engagement: Encouraging family participation in reading and library activities to strengthen home-school-community partnerships.
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### Services to Be Provided

Based on activities already offered by Speer Memorial Library and to the extent supported by Texas ACE grant resources, the Library agrees to provide access to:

- After-School Literacy & Enrichment: Storytime, reading clubs, summer reading activities, homework assistance, and enrichment aligned with literacy goals.
  - Safe & Structured Learning Spaces: Library facilities, reading materials, and digital resources.
  - Digital Literacy & Homework Support: Access to computers, educational software, and support for digital learning and homework completion.
  - Family Literacy Workshops: Family reading activities, literacy information sessions, and parent engagement workshops.
  - Community Literacy Outreach: Participation in literacy fairs, book drives, back-to-school events, and other family engagement activities that align with Texas ACE goals.
  - Program Coordination: Collaboration with Texas ACE leadership to align schedules, communication, and resource use, ensuring activities complement the after-school program.
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### Commitment to Program Goals

Speer Memorial Library commits to:

- Collaborating with the Texas ACE Project Director, Program Specialist, and La Joya ISD staff to facilitate planning and coordination.
- Supporting Texas ACE priorities, including:
  - Empowered Graduates: Fostering literacy and lifelong learning.
  - Thriving Students: Providing engaging, supportive environments.

- Community Trust & Partnership: Strengthening family and community participation in enrichment and literacy activities.
- Promoting the mission and benefits of the Texas ACE partnership to library patrons and school families.

Participation remains contingent on the continued availability of grant resources and shall not obligate the Library to financial, staffing, or material commitments beyond existing library operations.

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Signatures

By signing below, both parties agree to collaborate in support of the Texas ACE Program under the 21st CCLC grant, Cycle 13 (2026–2031), subject to the partnership parameters outlined in this memorandum.

**Speer Memorial Library**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**La Joya Independent School District (Texas ACE Program)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_