



Tarrant Literacy Coalition

opening the door to opportunity.

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Upcoming Events

- Tour de France begins (6/30)
- Independence Day (7/4)
- Third Thursday (7/19)
- ESL/Citizenship Training (7/20-21)
- Olympic Games begin (7/27)
- Literacy Texas Conference (8/6-7)

Check the website for a complete calendar of events and contact [Jennifer Rollins](#) to have your event added.

Third Thursdays at the Opportunity Center

discuss work, exchange experience, share expertise

Starting in July, the Tarrant Literacy Coalition in conjunction with the TCC Opportunity Center will be hosting monthly gatherings on the third Thursday of the month from 9-11AM. Along with networking and sharing best practices, these times will be used to discuss the latest information regarding adult education, resources, and curriculum. Additionally, at each meeting there will be door prizes and free giveaways!



On July 19th, Come meet Dr. Jimmy Adams, the new Director of Workforce Development, who will be sharing information with us about FREE ESL, GED and Workforce Training Programs now available at TCC! In addition, each participant will receive a printed summary of the latest report from the National Research Council of the National Academies [Improving Adult Literacy Instruction](#), a comprehensive report that not only provides great new information for instructors, but will also be extremely valuable to those who are seeking financial support through grants and other funding sources. There will be time for networking, so bring your ideas and questions!

Third Thursdays dates for 2012:
July 19th
August 16th
September 13th
October 18th
November 15th

Hosted by:
TCC Opportunity Center
5901 Fitzhugh Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76119
817-515-2500
Meeting from 9-11AM



Interested in Creating a Website?

Help is on the way!



Do you start to break out in a cold sweat or feel completely out of your element by the thought of having to purchase a URL, choose a hosting site, or create an interactive website tool? Are you terrified about not being able to even communicate with a website designer/programmer?

Creating a website for your literacy program does not have to be difficult. Find out everything you need to know to get your website started in a **SUPER EASY** to understand format and not feel too overwhelmed. Download the guide at: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/97448247/Need-a-Website>

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The Coalition is also fortunate to work with Allan Crawford, a member of our board, who is also a creative web designer. For ideas and suggestions from Allan, contact him at: allanbcrawford@gmail.com

Highlights from June



GUIDE TO GRANTWRITING

Presented by
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ESL/Citizenship Training

On Friday, July 20th from 5:30-9PM and Saturday, July 21st from 8:30AM-3PM we will be offering an ESL/Citizenship training opportunity.

General ESL topics will include: lesson plans, classroom strategies, student recruitment, and student assessment. Friday night and Saturday morning will be dedicated to ESL topics only. A session on citizenship classes will be offered Saturday afternoon including starting a citizenship class, components of a successful

program, the USCIS website and how to use it, and the citizenship test content. We invite you to stay for all sessions or come and participate in the sessions most relevant to you.

The training will be hosted at First Baptist Euless (1000 Airport Freeway, Euless, TX 76039) and costs \$15 (includes lunch, snacks, and huge giveaways). [Email](#) for more information. Call the office or [click](#) to RSVP. All participants must register to attend.

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Outstanding Volunteer Efforts!

Tom Ewanco is a volunteer tutor with the [John Ed Keeter Saginaw Library](#) ESL and Adult Literacy Program. He is a retired Air Force pilot and also a retired supervisor from Bell Helicopter Textron. Tom has been with the program for two years and is active in various facets of the ESL program.



on the student's progress. As learning issues come up, he can either address them with the individual or present the issue to the entire class if it is of a general nature.

Tom is also learning Spanish and is able to identify with the students' everyday challenges of learning a new language.

Earlier this year, the library completed a survey of its customers. One of the things the library patrons wanted was access to learning a new language. Tom had signed up for an online course with [Livemocha](#) and recommended the course to the Library Director, Paula Waak. After reviewing the course Paula was able to obtain funding and the course was begun in February.

Basically, the course was designed to be an online course for individuals. It has a social element in that it is worldwide and has lessons in over thirty languages.

Tom has added a new wrinkle to the course. Fortunately, late last year Paula had obtained twelve laptop computers for classroom use. For his classes, Tom uses the computers with his students and provides real time feedback

The John Ed Keeter Public Library's ESL Program continues to be a success with over 30 people signed up to learn English. Program coordinator, Janet Fick, and wonderful volunteer tutors like Tom, have made this program the success that it is today. Students sign up for the ESL classes so that they may achieve daily life goals, from being able to help their children with school work, to being able to communicate with their doctors. In addition, many students want to learn English so that they can prepare for taking the U.S. citizenship test.



Volunteers are always needed at the library for this program. Those who are interested in becoming a volunteer tutor will need to fill out an application at the library or call 817.230.0300. For more information, please call or email Janet Fick, jfick@ci.saginaw.tx.us.

We want to feature you in upcoming issues of the Coalition newsletter. You get to hear about our efforts and events all the time but we really want to hear from you!

Please submit stories and articles to:

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Be sure to include a short author bio and your program's information.



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