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**February in Review**

**March 9, 2015**

After all of the cold and icy weather, we are ready for spring! With the promise of sunshine and warmer days, we are excited to announce something truly special for this month's Fourth Friday Forum - a workshop that has something for everyone!

Join us on **Friday, March 27th at the TCC Opportunity Center** to hear from Dana Harper and Wesley Young, two of our community's dynamic, young librarians who have each built amazing literacy programs in their respective libraries.

***"What's on Your Plate? Finding the Right Main Course and Side Resources to Bolster Any Adult Literacy Program"*** will be served up to all who attend this month's training event. Whether you are starting a new adult literacy program or looking to enhance your existing program, make plans to join us. Learn how to select and train volunteers, work with staff, find valuable resources for your program, and much more! These two young professionals will help you navigate through a buffet of literacy options!



**AND - as if that's not enough, one lucky participant will win a gift card from the Cracker Barrel Restaurant!!**

**What:** March Fourth Friday Forum

**When:** Friday, March 27, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

**Where:** TCC Opportunity Center, 5901 Fitzhugh, Fort Worth 76119

**Why:** To get great new ideas for your program and network with other literacy partners

Reserve your spot today! [\\*\\*\\*Click here to sign up\\*\\*\\*](#)

#### About Our Presenters

**Dana Harper** is the Adult Services Librarian and Volunteer Coordinator at the Watauga Public Library. She has served in this capacity for almost 2 years. Previously, she was a librarian at the Dallas Museum of Art. She has a Master's degree in Library Science and a Master's degree in Art History.

**Wes Young** is the Literacy Coordinator for Arlington Public Library. He has worked in multiple capacities in his almost five years with APL and has been in adult literacy since June. He is currently working towards a Master's degree in Library Science at the University of North Texas.

### **Friends of the Arlington Public Library BOOK SALE**

This sale, which benefits the Arlington Public Library, will have over 90,000 items, including books, videos, CDs, DVDs, and books on tape.

**Dates:** March 18-22, 2015

**Location:** Meadowbrook Recreation Center  
1400 E. Dugan Street, Arlington, 76010

Of most interest to our community partners is a



**Teachers'/Nonprofit Special on Sunday, March 22, from 4:30 - 5:30**, where teachers and other non-profits are invited to come and take **as many** books as they like! A \$5 donation is requested. Don't miss it!

[Click here for more information.](#)

## **TEX (Teaching English with Excellence) Basic ESL Training for New ESL Teachers**

**Literacy  
ConneXus**  
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Do you have any new ESL teachers in your program? Literacy Connexus will be holding their last winter TEX training in our area at the end of this month.

**Dates:** March 20-21, 2015

**Location:** Center of Hope - East Parker County,  
9901 E. Bankhead Highway, Aledo, 76008

**Cost:** \$35 (includes notebook and Saturday lunch)

[Click here for more information](#)



## **Tarrant Literacy Coalition 2015 Corporate Spelling Bee**

Our annual Corporate Spelling Bee fundraiser is coming up on Tuesday, April 21st. Twenty teams from area businesses and organizations will be participating in a fun filled evening of spirited competition.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2015

**Location:** TCU Brown-Lupton University Union

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$50 per person. Contact the Tarrant Literacy Coalition for more information about this fun event!



### **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: [Stacey Reno](#). Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program

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## **Mark Your Calendars...**

For those working with ESL students, there will be a conference **July 17 - 18**, led by **Glenda Reece of [ESL Training Services](#)**. The location will be First Baptist Church, Arlington. Watch your email in early May for more information!

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