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Tech Talk Training Congratulations, Jeff Sayles! The days are getting shorter and before long

Spotlight: Edward Spears

the green of summer will be giving way to the oright colors of Autumn. Whether you're planning to leaf through a book or rake in a good read, we have the perfect resources to Get a Free Desktop for Your help you, and your students, fall into literacy!

<u>Literacy Program</u>

Your Students

Dear Literacy Partner,

Do you want to be the first to know about what's going on this fall in Tarrant County's Adult Education Community? Read on!

Save the Date! North Texas
Day of Giving <u>Literacy ConneXus'</u> <u>Upcoming TEX Training</u>

Mark Your Calendar
for Project
LEARN's Inaugural Training
Event

TECH Talk: You Don't Have to Have a
Computer Lab to Use Online Resources With



Come learn about free, online resources you

can use with your literacy students duing our This Month in Pictures

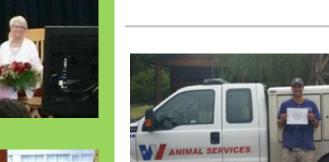
September Fourth Friday Forum, "TECH Talk: You Don't Have to Have a Computer Lab to Use Online Resources With Your Students." You'll hear from a number of presenters, who use this technology everyday, and learn how you too can use it with your students - even if you don't have a computer lab at your program's site!

5901 Fitzhugh Avenue, Fort Worth, 76119

Who: You When: Sept. 25th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Where: The Tarrant County College Opportunity Center,

Why: To learn new ways to incorporate technology into your program!

Click Here to Register Now!







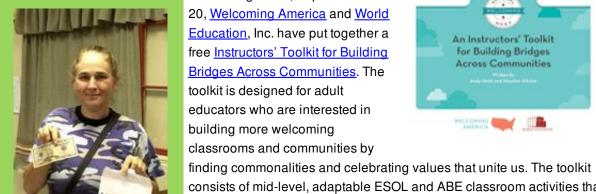
Congratulations, Jeff Sayles! Congratulations to Jeff Sayles on obtaining his GED! Jeff (above left) came to Tarrant Literacy Coalition having already passed the English, Social Studies, and Science sub-tests. He had taken the math portion several times, but needed a little bump to get him across the finish line. He attended Tarrant Literacy Coalition's summer math academy, and was tutored by Garrett Barnard (above right), a Tarleton State student who was home for the summer. This extra help was just what he needed to pass the final section and obtain his GED! Upon completion, Jeff was promptly promoted to the Lead Animal Care Technician at the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter and received a raise.

Way to go, Jeff!



New resource to support cross-cultural dialogue





In celebration of National Welcoming Week, September 12-20, Welcoming America and World Education, Inc. have put together a free Instructors' Toolkit for Building Bridges Across Communities. The toolkit is designed for adult educators who are interested in



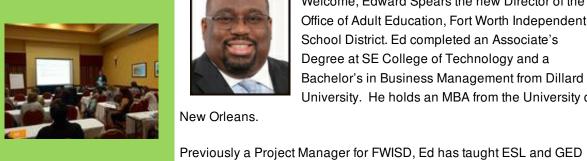
consists of mid-level, adaptable ESOL and ABE classroom activities that aim to foster dialogue across cultures and build lasting connections,

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especially among immigrants and US-born residents. It draws on resources developed by Welcoming America and <u>The Change Agent</u> magazine from World Education.





Office of Adult Education, Fort Worth Independent School District. Ed completed an Associate's Degree at SE College of Technology and a Bachelor's in Business Management from Dillard University. He holds an MBA from the University of New Orleans.

Church of God in Christ. When asked why he took this new position, We want to feature **YOU** in Edward said "Adult education is so important. I earned all of my degrees upcoming issues of the events all the time but we really want to hear from you! hometown. Please submit stories and Be sure to include a short

Coalition newsletter. You get help others succeed in education...to change lives the same way to hear about our efforts and education has changed my family's life." Ed and his family moved to Fort Worth from New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina devastated their articles to: Sarah Stannard. Ed's wife, Suzette, is a Reading Specialist at Mansfield ISD. They have five children; their oldest son has a master's from Columbia and just author bio and some general came back from touring in Africa and his brother is pursuing an advanced

information about your program.

degree in film; their oldest daughter is completing an education degree at Prairie View A & M University where her younger brother is a freshman; and their youngest daughter is a junior at Western Hills High School where she is in the International Baccalaureate Program.

classes for the District; he is also the founding pastor at Faith and Love

as a working parent. This is not just a job for me, but an opportunity to

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community.

Stay Connected to the Tarrant We are very pleased to be working with Ed and his team at FWISD Adult Education to help provide high quality adult education services in our



Does Your Literacy Program Need **Computers?** We have donated desktop computers loaded up with software and ready for use! Contact Kathryn Thompson for more information about how you can get a free

desktop computer for your literacy program!







Literacy ConneXus Upcoming English Language

Acquisition Instructor Training Teaching English With Excellence (TEX) Training is coming to a city near you! These trainings will help new instructors to master the skills they need to be effective leaders of an English Language Acquisition classroom. Reservations are required.

Click here to learn more about these upcoming training events!



Project LEARN to Host Inaugural Training Event Project LEARN (Literacy Education and

Reading Network) - a partnership of Tarrant Literacy Coalition, The Learning Center of North Texas and Literacy Connexus, along with other area agencies - will be hosting a training for tutors interested in helping adults learn to read! Tutors do not need to have a background in education, only a desire to help English-speaking adults learn to read!

> Training will be held October 10, 2015 Time and location to be announced.

Watch your email for more information about Project LEARN!



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