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This Month in Pictures



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 [Sarah Stumard](#). Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program.

Stay Connected to the Tarrant Literacy Coalition!



Dear Literacy Partner,

The days are getting shorter and before long the green of summer will be giving way to the bright colors of Autumn. Whether you're planning to leaf through a book or rake in a good read, we have the perfect resources to help you, and your students, fall into literacy!



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!

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



Come learn about free, online resources you can use with your literacy students during our 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!

Who: You
When: Sept. 25th, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Where: The Tarrant County College Opportunity Center, 5901 Fitzhugh Avenue, Fort Worth, 76119
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 Barnett (above right), a Tarrant 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 15-20, [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 building more welcoming classrooms and communities by finding commonalities and celebrating values that unite us. The toolkit consists of mid-level, adaptable ESOL and ABE classroom activities that aim to foster dialogue across cultures and build lasting connections, especially among immigrants and US-born residents. It draws on resources developed by Welcoming America and [The Change Agent](#) magazine from World Education.



In the Spotlight: Edward Spears

Welcome, Edward Spears the new Director of the 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.

Previously a Project Manager for FWISD, Ed has taught ESL and GED classes for the District; he is also the founding pastor at Faith and Love Church of God in Christ. When asked why he took this new position, Edward said "Adult education is so important. I earned all of my degrees as a working parent. This is not just a job for me, but an opportunity to help others succeed in education...to change lives the same way education has changed my family's life." Ed and his family moved to Fort Worth from New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina devastated their hometown.

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 came back from touring in Africa and his brother is pursuing an advanced 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.

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 community.

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!



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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!