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Tarrant Literacy Coalition Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Hanukkah Begins (12/9)

Year Round Reading Launch
(12/13)

Winter Break FWISD (12/24-
1/4)

Christmas Day (12/25)

Kwanza Begins (12/26)

TEX ESL training [reservations
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Quick Links

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December 5, 2012

Greetings!

November was a wonderful month for us to reflect on all the things for which we have to be thankful. This month our staff grew by a VISTA and by a VISTA transitioning to a full-time staff person. We have had four of our GED students take and pass all sections of the test this year and more scheduled to take the test soon. We had a wonderful opportunity to honor our volunteers at the Holiday Appreciation Celebration. We have been especially thankful for connections with some excellent TCU students who have tutored adult students and had a very successful book drive to put books on the shelves of the families we serve. Most of all, we are thankful to work with a wonderful community full of people dedicated to local literacy and seeing that community growing and strengthening year by year. You are a joy to serve.

Warmly,
Kathryn Thompson

School's Out for the Winter

As the Holidays and the New Year approach, our students' classes are ending for the year. One goal we share is on keeping our students committed and motivated toward working and learning even when they are not regularly attending classes. One way to accomplish this goal may be by informing our students about the resources freely available to them. Here are some "homework" ideas you can recommend to your students to help keep them interested in classwork over the Holiday break:

[YouTube](#)

[Pinterest](#)

A Month In Review

November was filled...

...with a spirit of celebration. We celebrated instructors and volunteers from around the DFW community. We celebrated two more GEDs achieved. We received laptop computers to infuse into your programs. We hope November was a month of joy and thanksgiving for you as well. To follow all our daily activities please "Like" us on [Facebook](#).



- Khan Academy (math, science, social studies) khanacademy.org
- Hippocampus (math, science, social studies) hippocampus.org
- [Learning Express](#) (all GED subjects)
- TV411 (ESL and ABE) tv411.org

2. Checking out books at the local library

3. Putting together packets and providing incentives to bring them back completed.

Here are some websites to print out handouts:

- Math Aids at math-aids.com
- Grammar Bytes at chompchomp.com
- ESL lessons at englishbanana.com

Third Thursdays are Becoming Fourth Fridays



Please be aware that we will not continue to conduct training events on the third Thursday of every month. Beginning in 2013, monthly gatherings will be conducted on the fourth Friday of the month. Begin watching your email for an invitation to our first Fourth Friday event (1/25). Included in the email will be the event location, time and topic.

Save the Dates:

January 25
February 22
March 22
April 26

Winners of the 2012

Cash Prizes:

\$100 - ASPIRE GED
\$200 - St. Rita's
\$300 - YWCA

Be a frequent attender of 2013 events for your program's chance to win

Please Welcome our newest VISTA

Hi Literacy Partners,

My name is Johnie McDowell Dollarhide. I currently live in



Denton, Texas but I lived and worked in Fort Worth for over 25 years. I have worked in both Tyler ISD and Fort Worth ISD as an elementary and secondary teacher, academic coordinator, vice-principal and summer school principal. As a college and University professor, I taught Sociology at ITT Technical Institute, Texas Wesleyan University and the University of North Texas in Denton and Dallas. I am currently completing work toward the PhD in Sociology at UNT-Denton.

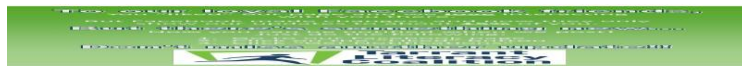
I wanted to join the Tarrant Literacy Coalition because it exhibits the values of my dual career as both an educator and an ordained minister. I have been a Methodist pastor for over 20 years and I am very sensitive to the conditions of poverty and the needs of people living in poverty. The inability to read or write is a contributing factor to poverty, poor self-esteem and decreased chances for success in life. I am very excited to be able to work with the great team at the Tarrant Literacy Coalition in their effort to help promote literacy in the DFW metropolitan area.

I am a very proud mother and grandmother and I enjoy spending time with my family. I would like to return to Seminary one day to complete my theology degree. My motto envisions a quote that I found in the desk on my first day at TLC by one of my favorite authors. Quoting C.S. Lewis, I was reminded that "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." I hope it will also inspire others to dream BIG. I am looking forward to a great year of service at the Tarrant Literacy Coalition.

Sincerely,



Johnie Dollarhide



We are Better Together!

This past summer, a brand new student group at TCU, Better Together, contacted the Tarrant Literacy Coalition considering a service partnership for the upcoming semester. We discussed ways they could become involved that aligned with the group's purpose and interests. They have collected 1500+ books



through their campus book drive, been a strong voice for the issue of literacy in our community, and contributed significantly to our Holiday Book Celebration with the families of GED and ESL students at White Settlement ISD. We are very appreciative of



their contributions and hope they continue to serve the community for many years to come.
Thank you Better Together!





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: [Jennifer Rollins](mailto:Jennifer.Rollins@tarrantlit.org)
Be sure to include a short
author bio and some general
information about your program

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