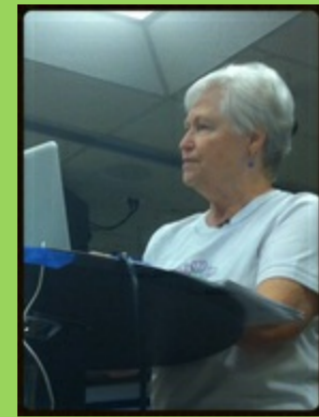


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This Month in Pictures



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.Stammard](mailto:Sarah.Stammard@tarrantliteracycoalition.org). 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 new school year is right around the corner and we, at Tarrant Literacy Coalition, want to make sure you're not caught off guard! We're hosting a back to school bash to make sure all of our literacy partners have an opportunity to **collaborate and create** interesting, informative lessons for our county's adult learners.

[Read on to learn more about this and other area events.](#)



Stop by our office and join us for our "Back-to-School Bash!" We'll have coffee and breakfast treats for you to munch while you do some networking, visit with literacy friends, or peruse our bookshelves for free books to use in your adult education classroom. Each program site will receive a back-to-school-bag filled with school supplies and resources for the upcoming year.

Who: You!
When: Friday August, 28
Where: 3954 Southwest Blvd Fort Worth (inside the lower level of Agape Baptist Church)

This is a great opportunity to tap into community knowledge before the busy semester starts.

[Click to REGISTER and RESERVE A FREE BAG FOR YOUR PROGRAM!](#)

[Download Directions to our office here.](#)



Recap: State Board of Education Meeting a Success!

On Friday, July 17, the Texas State Board of Education voted to open bidding for alternative high school equivalency (HSE) tests in Texas. Tarrant Literacy Coalition students, staff and volunteers, as well as students and staff from other area agencies, traveled to Austin earlier in the week to testify before the board and encourage members to consider allowing students to choose the testing option which best suits the learner's needs. The emotional testimonies were broadcast in news media around the state, as board members made the crucial decision to issue a request for proposals that can potentially allow for multiple HSE tests to be administered in the states.

[Click here to read one of the stories, highlighting Tarrant Literacy Coalition's staff and students, from the Houston Chronicle.](#)

Pat Hardy: Lead the Charge

District Eleven's State Board of Education Member Pat Hardy, of Weatherford, has lead the charge for high school equivalency (HSE) options in Texas! Through the thoughtful questioning of those who testified on July 14 and informed comments to her colleagues on the board, Pat helped to inspire State Board of Education members to open the bidding process on HSE and, potentially, allow other options.



Thank you, Almos Energy!

Thank you to Marilyn Ackmann and Almos Energy for sponsoring the Almos Energy Learner Lab for another year!

Your continued sponsorship gives us the ability to help students continue to study for their high school credential outside of classroom hours.



In the Spotlight: Adriel Long

You may already know Adriel Long as the Ladder Alliance's effervescent Vista. What you may not know is that, in April, Adriel's Vista term ended and she has landed a full-time job at Ladder Alliance!

Adriel is still coordinating Ladder Alliance's high school equivalency (HSE) preparation program, but now she's also involved in developing an exciting new class that teaches women the art of communicating in a business setting. Her Business English class is part of the Professional Office Skills Training Program, which takes a holistic approach in preparing Ladder Alliance's students to participate in the office environment. She teaches everything from basic grammar to business correspondence, creating effective PowerPoint presentations and advocating for one's self in the workplace. "Whenever a student tells me that they were able to complete or do a task they previously didn't believe they were able to do we celebrate," Adriel says. "I've always enjoyed assisting others accomplish their goals."

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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!

