

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## 'Tis the Season

Dear Literacy Partner,

Although the weather has been unseasonably warm, the calendar tells us the holiday season is upon us. Our students are completing the fall semester, another year is coming to an end, and we eagerly anticipate the holiday season with family and friends.



*Kathryn B. Thompson*  
Executive Director

For more than 8 years, Tarrant Literacy Coalition has been a central part of my life. The people I've met through this organization have been more than just colleagues. My coalition partners have become my extended family. Together, we have built an organization that has impacted the lives of thousands of adult students and their children through the gift of literacy. We have watched as our students accomplished their goal of receiving the Certificate of High School Equivalency. We have worked together to build strong ESL programs for immigrants and refugees. We have helped others learn to read and write and still more prepare for the US Citizenship exam. We have laughed and learned together, and lived out the mission of this incredible organization - always working as a team to improve adult and family literacy in our community.

Now, the time has come for someone else to step in and take over the leadership of the Tarrant Literacy Coalition. **I will be leaving at the end of January in order to devote more time to my family, specifically to help care for my father, who turned 90 years old in November.**

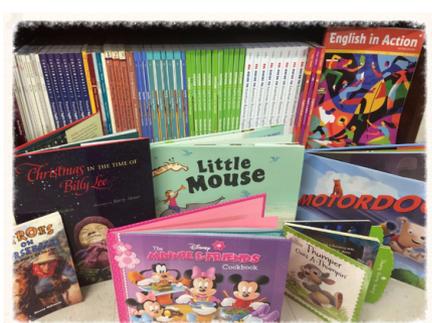
It has been my privilege to serve as the founding executive director of TLC. This has been a wonderful experience and one for which I will always be grateful.

In January, we will hold an event to introduce you to the new director (who has not yet been selected) and to allow me to thank you for your support over these past 8+ years. Please watch your email in early January for information about that.

I hope that you and yours have a wonderful holiday season, filled with joy and happiness and all good things and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

With love and appreciation,

Kathryn



## Friends of the Library BIG BOOK SALE

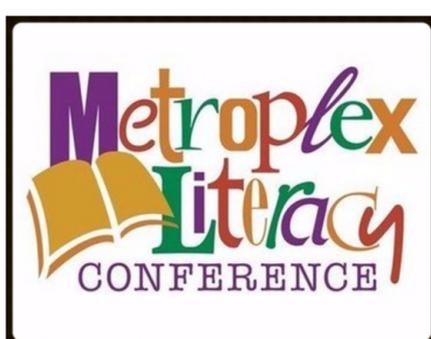
The FW Friends of the Library book store is CLOSING for good. So - they are selling ALL their books. The bookstore is located in Wedgwood Village at 5332 Trail Lake Drive. Days/hours of the sale are:

- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9

### Chapter 2 Annex Sale Day

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec.

\$15 a box day only – they provide the boxes. The Chapter 2 Annexes are located at 5314 and 5318 Trail Lake Drive (three doors north of the Friends Book Store). For more information on any of these events, call 817-346-2255. In addition to cash, the Friends accept Master Card, Visa, and Discover. Although the Friends will no longer operate a bookstore, nearly all the Friends inventory - including new acquisitions - will be available online. They will launch a newly revamped website in January that will include an online ordering system.



## Mark Your Calendar!

**Saturday, March 3, 2018 - Dallas Baptist University is THE place to be. The annual Metroplex Literacy Conference won't be the same without you.**

**Registration opens in early January.**



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