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January 8, 2013

Greetings!

At the beginning of each New Year, our thoughts often are drawn to making resolutions. Generally, we think about losing weight or otherwise committing to healthier habits, but how often do we think of resolutions that affect our communities?

This year, amid higher taxes and other woes, I encourage you to resolve in some concrete way to benefit your community. As you teach your literacy students, perhaps you consciously decide to connect more on a personal level with them, to no longer be only teacher, but also friend.

But wait, you think, I have boundaries and cannot cross personal with professional. I challenge you to consider what it would be like if on the evening news, instead of seeing another school shooting we heard about a teacher inviting a student and her family to move-in during a financial difficulty.

Isn't this the world you want to live in? Will you take a moment to think about what resolution you can make that will make a real impact on our community?

Warmly,
Jennifer Rollins
Community Outreach Coordinator

TEX ESL Training

Attention ESL Volunteers and Instructors,

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TEXESL TRAINING COORDINATOR

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A Year In Review

Take a walk down memory lane with us.

2012 was a year of growth for the Tarrant Literacy Coalition. Many students earned their GEDs, computers and curriculum materials were infused throughout the community, and partnerships were born and strengthened. We are looking forward to what lies ahead in 2013. To follow all our daily activities please "Like" us on [Facebook](#).

teachers to be held this month.

Click on the links below for registration & other details:

Jan. 11 & 12 - [Waxahachie](#)

Jan. 18 & 19 - [Grapevine](#)

Jan. 18 & 19 - [Houston](#)

Jan. 25 & 26 - [San Antonio](#)

Waxahachie training deadline to register is THIS MONDAY.

All the trainings have registration limits so don't wait until those deadlines to make your reservations.

If you have a problem connecting with the above links, go to the Literacy ConneXus website, www.literacyconnexus.org click on Events and scroll down until you find the training for which you wish to get details.

For in-service training, we encourage you to attend the Gulf Coast Literacy Conference to be held at Houston Baptist University on Saturday, February 2nd. The cost is only \$25 for a day of learning. Click on [Gulf Coast Literacy Conference](#) for more details on how to register. Or go to Literacy ConneXus website, click on Events & scroll down to conference information.

E-S-L: Enjoying the Savior's Love,

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Literacy ConneXus ESL Coordinator, Ministry Consultant &
Teacher Trainer



When Tarrant area literacy instructors and tutors face challenges, they know where to turn for support...



On January 25th from 9-11am, be a part of a live demonstration on how to effectively manage a class full of multiple level students. Participate in this behind the scenes look into how to utilize assessments to group students for optimized learning. You wont want to miss out on this exclusive event full of prizes and demonstrations. To experience it first hand, RSVP to jbosmans@tarrantlit.org by 1/22/13.

Presented By:



5901 Fitzhugh Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76119

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Monthly Training Events are Getting Upgraded!

Literacy Partners,

The Tarrant Literacy Coalition hosts monthly training events to help you better instruct your students. Trainings are conducted on the fourth Friday of every month at the TCC-Opportunity Center (5901 Fitzhugh Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76119) from 9-11am. To attend, please RSVP jbosmans@tarrantlit.org by the Tuesday before the event or [register online](#).

Upcoming Topics Include:

- 2014 GED Updates
- Volunteer Training and Support
- Grant Writing
- Adding Adult Basic Education to Your Services
- Managing Multiple Student Levels
- Reviews on Available Curriculum
- Free Educational Website Reviews and Live Demos
- Utilizing Formal and Informal Assessments



Overcoming Learning Barriers Instructing Small Groups Family Literacy....and more!

On January 25th the topic will be how to manage multiple student levels with one instructor or in one classroom. Come for the training, door prizes, refreshments, and to get your name in the raffle for cash prizes to be awarded in November.

Please help us get the word out by posting a flyer for the training events in an area of high visibility for your volunteers and



instructors. Download the flyer by [clicking here](#).

Lucky Laptop Recipients

In December, seven laptop computers were donated by Atmos Energy, courtesy of Marilyn Ackmann, founding board member of the Tarrant Literacy Coalition and chair of the 2013 Corporate Spelling Bee.



Congratulations to the Laptop Grant recipients:

Kathy Aaron - Learn English Now
Dorothy Parker and Janis Werland -
University Baptist Church
Rev. Katie Hays - Northwest Arlington ESL
Jerry Jones - Nations Fellowship

The laptops were presented by Jon Wood and Marilyn Ackmann



on behalf of Atmos Energy.





