

## Tarrant Literacy Coalition Newsletter February 2014

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#### **Upcoming Events**

Kids' Vision Fest (2/7)Valentine's Day (2/14) Presidents' Day (2/17) State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance Day (2/19) February Fourth Friday (2/28)Metroplex Literacy Conference (@ DBU) (3/1) Project BEST GED Graduation (3/23) Spelling Bee (TCU) (4/29) **Quick Links Online Teaching Resources Online Courses for Adult** 

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February 7, 2014

We are pleased to partner with Catholic Charities of Fort Worth to provide you an outstanding educational opportunity this month.

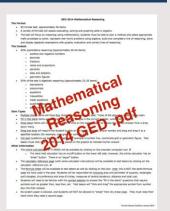
Bill Bliss, President of Language and Communication Associates, will be presenting at this month's Fourth Friday Forum. His organization provides training and consulting services in language learning, literacy, immigrant education, and citizenship. He holds an M.Ed. degree from Harvard University and his interests include social justice education, immigration policy, and the impact of social media and emerging technologies on education.

The focus for this month is on techniques for teaching low literacy students and for integrating everyone in multi-level classrooms. This workshop will focus on various challenges that ESL teachers encounter in their everyday teaching experiences: Finding materials and incorporating techniques to teach adults with low literacy skills and integrating activities that cater to all in a multi-level classroom. We will also discuss ideas for classroom speaking activities, pair and group work in order to enhance learning. Mr. Bliss will talk at all levels of instruction, with a special emphasis on teaching refugees.

What: February Fourth Friday Forum
When: Friday, February 28 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Lockheed Martin Training Room, Catholic Charities: 249 W.
Thornhill Dr., Fort Worth 76115
Why: To learn from language expert Bill Bliss how to teach more

### YouTube

### January in Review



effectively to low level ESL learners.

Space is very limited. Register today! Click to register now!



Sincerely, Jennifer Rollins Community Outreach Coordinator

> Make plans to attend this year's Metroplex Literacy Conference at Dallas Baptist University

#### GED 2014 Reasoning Through Language Arts

## The Format 150 minute test with one 10 minute break

- Approximately 51 questions with 1 extended response (ER) for a total of 55 possible raw score points, 12 from the ER.
- The RLA module is in three sections, with a break incurring wher the second section. The First section is approximately 15 minutes and caresiss of a variety of term types. The second section caresiss of one 45 BF from. The SR term is followed by a 10-minute break. The break is managed by the computer, and the final approximately 63-minute section togins automatically after 10 minutes, so that dates will need the base aware that they must be taxif at their testing pation in time to be ready to begin the last section of the RLA module.



- Fil-in-the-blank: type a word, phrase, or sentence to answer a question or complete a passage.
- Extended response: Type a well-developed, supported response to a prompt based on two passages, othing evidence from the passages and using standard English conventions.
- Rubric evaluates:
- Oriston of arguments and use of evidence
   Development of ideas and organizational structure
- Derivity and command of standard English conventions

#### Other Updates

- T5% of texts are informational (academic and workplace contexts), 25% are iterature.
- Many of the tests will be drawn from U.S. founding documents and the "Great American Conversation."
- Poetry will not appear on the test.

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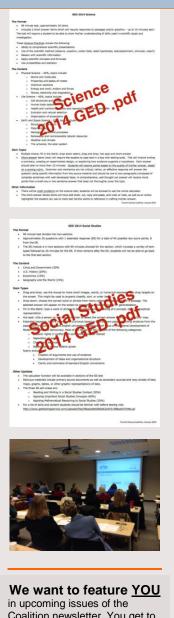
The Metroplex Literacy Conference is coming your way on **Saturday, March 1, 2014** on the campus of **Dallas Baptist University**, 3000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas 75211. The conference will be held in the Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel at DBU. The check-in begins at **8:30 a.m. with the first session beginning at 9:00 a.m. The conference will end at 4:30 p.m.** The cost of the conference will be **\$25.00 per person**.

## This year's Metroplex Literacy Conference Topics include: 2014 GED content and teaching resources Informal Assessments ESL resources, every level-every topic How to teach a citizenship class Free tech tools and apps for your classroom And much, much more!

This year Bill Bliss, one of the authors/editors for Pearson Education, will lead 2 of the ESL sessions on Saturday afternoon.

Reps from New Readers Press, Cambridge, National Geographic, as well as TCALL will be there.

Come for a full day of learning - there is something for



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: <u>Jennifer Rollins</u> Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program

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**Stay Connected** 

# everyone!

Register now at: <u>hopeliteracy.com</u>. The deadline to register is Feb. 25.

