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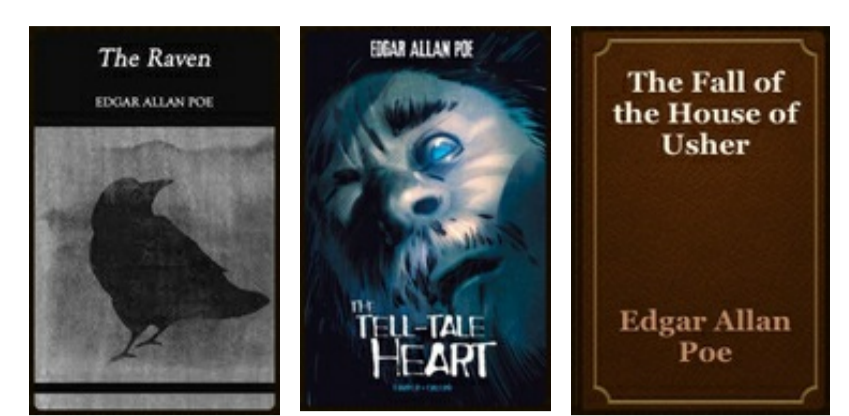


Dear Literacy Partner,

It's the time of year to brush the cobwebs off of your favorite spooky tale and revel in the spirit of the season with a book that will have you gripping every page in anticipation! We're celebrating with our favorite ominous author and a game that will test your knowledge of some of his eerie quotes!

Match the quote with the book cover to see how well you know Poe!

- 1. "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered weak and weary."
2. "There was an iciness, a sinking, a sickening of the heart."
3. "It is impossible to say how first the idea entered my brain; but once conceived, it haunted me day and night."



Read the rest of our newsletter to find out how much Poe you know!



November First Friday Forum: Integrating Job Seeking Skills into Your Adult Literacy Program

Join Tarrant Literacy Coalition for our November First Friday Forum (in order to secure the amazing speaker, we've had to move our event from the fourth Friday in October to the first Friday of November) Riana Poland will be presenting information about integrating job seeking skills into your adult literacy program. This presentation will help teachers of adult students incorporate resume and cover letter writing skills, interviewing skills, and other basic job skills into their current curriculum.

About the Presenter: Riana Poland is a labor and employment attorney at JPS Health Network, here in Fort Worth. Previously, she was the Program Director for the School of Justice at Westwood College where she taught a variety of paralegal, business, and professional courses including a career management course focusing on drafting resumes, cover letters, and interviewing skills. Ms. Poland earned her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School. She is admitted to practice in Texas and Illinois and before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Who: You
When: Nov. 6, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Where: The Tarrant County College Opportunity Center
Why: To learn new ways to incorporate job-seeking skills into your adult literacy program!

Click Here to Register Now!

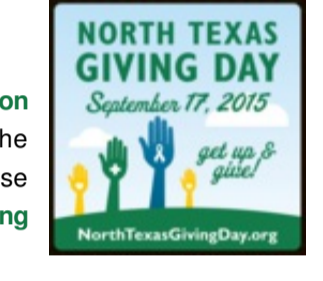
Save the Date for TLC's Annual Holiday Celebration!

Tarrant Literacy Coalition's Annual Holiday Celebration for our literacy partners will be held December 2, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be plenty of food, fun and activities to go around, so mark your calendars now and watch your email for more details!

Thank you, Donors!

With the help of the Communities Foundation of North Texas and our generous donors, the Tarrant Literacy Coalition was able to raise over \$5,400.00 during the North Texas Giving Day on Sept. 17!



A great big Thank You to all who gave!



Congratulations, Kat Garrard and Tony Orlando!

Congratulations to Antonio Orlando (above left) and Katena Garrard (above right) on passing the GED® exam!

Tony started classes with the Tarrant Literacy Coalition (TLC) in February of 2014 and passed his final exam this month! Post-graduation, Tony is starting a new job with the Littlebeck Architectural Firm in Fort Worth and hopes to eventually become an architect himself.

Kat began classes with TLC in September of 2014 and passed her final section, Mathematical Reasoning, this month! Kat will attend classes at Tarrant County College starting August 2016 and would like to be admitted to either the new medical sonography or the dental assistant program at the college.

Way to go, you two!

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 Starnes. Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program.

Stay Connected to the Tarrant Literacy Coalition!



In the Spotlight: Joan Grigsby

Joan Grigsby is an educational consultant with the Adult Services Division of The Learning Center of North Texas. While she provides many invaluable services to our adult literacy community, one of those you can take advantage of right now is the "Adult Education Resources" website Joan has developed! This website helps connect literacy providers with a wide variety of information on topics ranging from fluency levels to low-cost eye screenings. The site, a link from The Learning Center of North Texas' website, serves as a holding place for both education and community resource information presented at meetings and resource fairs around Tarrant County. (Students) come to us for education, but they come to us with so many other needs," Joan said. "We needed a place where we could house this resource information and make it accessible to everyone in [the North Texas] adult education community."

Particularly fond of the "Computer Skills" section of her site, Joan says the information housed there can be used by everyone - educators and students alike. She's placed in links to keyboarding and mouse-use help, free technology resource links, and software tutorials.

Looking for something? Visit the site! Maybe Joan's already found it. Have questions about the content of Adult Education Resources? Email Joan directly!

Adult Literacy Volunteer Training

Tarrant Literacy Coalition, and The Learning Center of North Texas and Literacy Connexus will host an Adult Literacy Volunteer 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 at the Cornerstone Assistance Network. Click here for more information about how to register!

Does Your Literacy Program Need Computers?

We have donated desktop computers loaded up with software and ready for use! Contact Kathlyn Thompson for more information about how you can get a free desktop computer for your literacy program.

Literacy Connexus encouraging, facilitating, connecting

Literacy Connexus Upcoming English Language Acquisition Instructor Training Teaching English With Excellence (TEW) 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!

How well did you know Poe?

