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Tarrant Literacy Coalition Newsletter



**Thank you for supporting
the 5th annual Corporate
Spelling Bee!**
Congratulations
Acme Brick-1st Place
AllianceTexas, A Development
of Hillwood-2nd Place
Star-Telegram-3rd Place
The Stayton at Museum Way-
Best Buzz
Becky Skinner-Super-Star
Raffle winner!



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Greetings!

It's May. Can you believe it?

The vast majority of adult education classes cease meeting during the summer months, and generally there is a good

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Upcoming Events

May Day (5/1)

Cinco de Mayo (5/5)

Mother's Day (5/12)

Armed Forces Day (5/18)

Memorial Day (5/27)

[Fifth Friday](#) (5/31)

[Learning to Achieve](#) (6/20-21)

[TEX Basic ESL Training](#), Garland (8/24-25)

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reason for this practice. Summer is a time when many of our volunteers go on vacation and our adult learners may work long hard hours. What's an instructor or a volunteer to do during this slower season? Hopefully you realize that summer is our opportunity to do something extraordinary if you're willing to be a bit creative.

At the very least, it is critical to maintain contact with your students during the summer break to relay important information to your students regarding when classes resume and to ensure students return to class at the conclusion of summer.

Summer also provides a great opportunity for instructors and tutors to do some studying and preparing for the next semester of classes. GED teachers can dive into the 2014 GED resources and become very knowledgeable on the subject to transform your GED classes into programs able to prepare students for the more rigorous exam. ESL instructors can attend training events and conduct web searches to create and plan interactive lesson plans that increase learner involvement. Volunteers can also attend trainings and learn more about the particular needs of students they serve.

If your program does offer summer programming, consider encouraging students and their families to take advantage of community learning opportunities such as participating in library programs like the [Fort Worth Library Year Round Reading](#) or visiting local museums and historical sites. You can also turn summer holidays into learning experiences for the whole family by having a Fourth of July cookout and story telling (or even dramatic reenactment) bringing the meaning of the holiday to life.

The biggest challenge resulting from breaking for summer is overcoming summer learning loss. Instructors need to carefully consider how they can minimize the negative effects of irregular summer learning patterns and make the most of student contact to encourage learning focused involvements.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Rollins
Community Outreach Coordinator

The Spelling Bee is behind us and summer training events and AmeriCorps recruitment lies ahead. To follow all our daily activities please "Like" us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AmeriCorpsDFW) and follow [facebook.com/AmeriCorpsDFW](https://www.facebook.com/AmeriCorpsDFW).



You hold the key to transforming our communities.



Who do you know?

education manage achieve literacy
interested in teaching
 ORGANIZED ambitious independent supportive family
transform lives
 CHARACTER support system outgoing
 creative energetic impact
 flexible volunteer missional
HEART FOR SERVICE
 ESL ADULT EDUCATION GED
 recruit Bachelor's Degree diversity ESOL
community
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ALLEVIATE POVERTY train

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Do you know someone looking for an opportunity to make a real difference in our community?

Contact opportunity@tarrantlit.org to learn more about the AmeriCorps Texas Family Literacy Initiative and how you can help share these opportunities with individuals you know. AmeriCorps Texas Family Literacy positions are open to U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens with a Bachelor's Degree in any field. All service positions are full-time for eleven months beginning August 1, 2013.



