



# Tarrant Literacy Coalition

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## Tarrant Literacy Coalition Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

- Chinese New Year (2/10)
- Lincoln's Birthday (2/12)
- Valentine's Day (2/14)
- President's Day (2/18)
- Washington's Birthday (2/22)
- [Fourth Friday](#) (2/22)
- [Language Experience Approach Workshop](#) (2/27)
- [Metroplex Literacy Conference](#) (3/2)
- [Identifying Student Needs](#) (3/8)
- [TESOL Convention](#) (3/20-23)

### Quick Links

- [Online Teaching Resources](#)
- [Tarrant Literacy Coalition Website](#)
- [Email for Support & More Info](#)
- [Sign-up to Become a Volunteer](#)

February 6, 2013

Dear (Contact First Name),

January was a very exciting and busy month for the Tarrant Literacy Coalition. It began with GED classes starting with high enrollment, unveiling of the Chesapeake Energy Learner Lab, new volunteer training, meetings were attended, hosting the inaugural Fourth Friday training event, and ending with preparations for Kids Vision Fest, held February 1st.

February is slated to be another full and exciting month. It began with Kids Vision Fest, where 900+ kids received vision exams and 600+ will be receiving glasses. Now, we are busy preparing for the Metroplex Literacy Conference and this month's Fourth Friday training covering topics relevant to preparing for the 2014 GED test. The annual Corporate Spelling Bee preparations are also well underway. The judges' word guide is coming together, sponsors are drilling their spellers, and prizes are being secured.

I hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy day to visit our facebook page and website to see all our recent involvements. Considering how small we sometimes seem, it's really quite amazing to see just how far Tarrant Literacy Coalition stretches.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Rollins  
A member of the small but mighty force

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**Make plans to attend this year's Metroplex  
Literacy Conference at DBU**

[Make a Donation](#)

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### GED Links

[Assessment Guide for Educators](#)

[Item Samplers](#)

[Testing Technology Webinar](#)

[Webs Depth of Knowledge Webinar](#)

[2014 Test 101 Webinar](#)

[Reasoning through Language Arts Webinar](#)

[Social Studies Module Webinar](#)

[Science Module Webinar](#)

[Mathematical Reasoning Webinar](#)

### January in Photos

January was a busy month for the Tarrant Literacy Coalition. We resumed teaching GED classes, hosted Fourth Friday, opened a learner lab, and began February with Kids Visions Fest. To follow all our daily activities please "Like" us on [Facebook](#).



*This year's Metroplex Literacy Conference Topics include:*

What's the latest on the GED

Family Literacy

Adult Basic Ed Teacher Training (limited to the first 20 who register)

Informal Assessments

ESL resources, every level-every topic

A library in every home

Teaching English overseas

How to teach a citizenship class

And much, much more!

Register now at:

[www.hopeliteracy.com/index.php/training-information](http://www.hopeliteracy.com/index.php/training-information)

### Texas Adult Education Credential Project

Tarrant Literacy Coalition would like to congratulate Sherry Hudson, a local adult educator, on recently completing her teacher credential through the Texas Adult Education Credential Project.

Adult educators are typically not required to hold specialized licenses or professional credentials. The Texas Adult Education Teacher Credential is an optional credential that is available to those who teach adult students in Texas adult education programs. The Credential Project offers two separate credentials: a Teacher Credential and an Administrator Credential. Both the Teacher Credential and the Administrator Credential value the experiences of the individual educator while providing the opportunity to tie theory to practice thus allowing for the development of strong adult education programs that ultimately result in improved student success.



The Texas Adult Education Credential Project was established in 1998 in response to calls from the Texas Association for Literacy and Adult Education (TALAE) and the field to develop professional credentials for adult educators. The project receives funding from the Texas Education Agency through Texas LEARNS and is operated by the Education Institute at Texas State University-San Marcos.

Sherry would recommend other adult educators pursue earning the teaching credential to promote professional growth. The process involves implementing new skills and knowledge in an adult education classroom that you learn through a variety of methods such as professional development, mentoring, college courses, book studies, and other methods. Even though the credential is not required and there are no fiscal incentives attached, it clearly benefits both teachers and their adult learners.

Eligibility to participate in the Texas Adult Education Teacher Credential is based upon status in the Texas Educating Adults Management System (TEAMS). Individuals who are designated as the teacher of record in TEAMS for one or more classes are eligible to earn the Teacher Credential.

The Teacher Credential is based upon the following Six Core Content Areas:

- Principles of Adult Learning
- Teaching/Learning Transaction
- Diverse Learning Styles, Abilities and Cultures
- Integrating Technology into Adult Learning
- Accountability and Assessment
- Contextual Learning

The program took Sherry about one-and-a-half years to successfully complete the required 150 points across the six content areas.

Upon completion of the program she reflects, "I learned many teaching, retention, and community building strategies that can be utilized in a variety of settings. I learned about different learning theories, preferences, and styles. It also taught me to be more open minded and helped improve my confidence as an educator. Overall, this provided an invaluable experience that I am very proud to have accomplished."



For more information on the Texas Adult Education Credential Project, visit: [www.tei.education.txstate.edu](http://www.tei.education.txstate.edu)





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

February 22, 2013 9:00 - 11:00  
5901 Fitzhugh Ave. Fort Worth 76119

How do I ensure my GED students are being prepared appropriately now and as we get closer to the new test?

There are going to be so many changes to the new GED, I can't keep them all straight.

Tarrant County College

Tarrant Literacy Coalition

4th Friday Forum

RSVP to: [jrollins@tarrantlit.org](mailto:jrollins@tarrantlit.org)

[Click here to see an enlarged image.](#)

## GED 2014 Update Meeting

Literacy Partners,

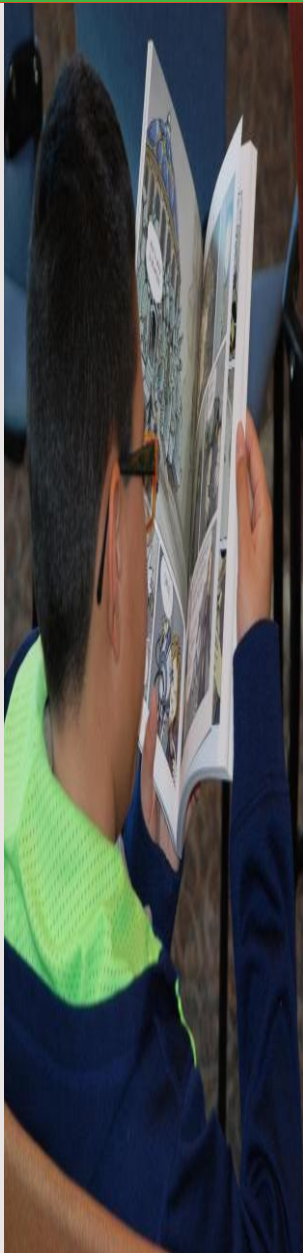
The countdown has begun. January 2, 2014 a new GED test will launch. Will you be ready? Will your students be ready?

Maybe you missed the GED Testing Services webinars and haven't had time to read the recently revised Assessment Guide for Adult Educators. Take a deep breath; it will be okay. At our next Fourth Friday Forum we will unpack some of the challenges educators are facing as we prepare for the 2014 GED. Come and learn about Webb's Depth of Knowledge, see some example test items, understand the comparison charts, and most importantly understand what you can do now for your students who will test this year and beyond.

You can expect this month to be a great networking opportunity. As always there will be coffee and other refreshments. Door prizes will be GED workbooks and teaching materials, and lots of them!

If you work with GED students, high school students, or any adult learners who aspire to further their education, you're not going to want to miss this training opportunity.

Please RSVP to this event by February 19 by emailing



info@tarrantlit.org or [register online!](#)

Fourth Fridays are from 9:00-11:00am on the fourth Friday of every month at the TCC-Opportunity Center (5901 Fitzhugh Ave., Fort Worth 76119) in room 1330.

Be sure to check out the GED links in the upper left column of this newsletter to watch the webinars, read the Assessment Guide, and



work through the item samplers in preparation for the training.

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## Grand Opening of the Chesapeake



### Energy Learner Lab

Thanks to a generous donation from Chesapeake Energy and long hours of preparations from White Settlement ISD, a learner lab was opened at the Family Resource Center on January 24th benefiting the students of Project BEST (Basic Education and Skills Tutoring). We are very grateful to both Chesapeake Energy and White Settlement ISD for helping to make computer and internet usage accessible to adult students from the surrounding community.

Many local heroes were present at the ribbon cutting ceremony including White Settlement Mayor Jerry Burns, WSISD Superintendent Frank Molinar, Public Affairs Manager at Chesapeake Energy Kevin Strawser, Tarrant Literacy Coalition Board President Red Goldstein, WSISD Family Resource Center Coordinator Carol Patterson, WSISD HR Director Chris Jenkins, Project BEST students, and many other partners and friends of Chesapeake Energy, White Settlement ISD, and Tarrant Literacy Coalition.





# Kids Vision Festival

Book Fair brought to you by the

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**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: [Jennifer Rollins](#)

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

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**Stay Connected**



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