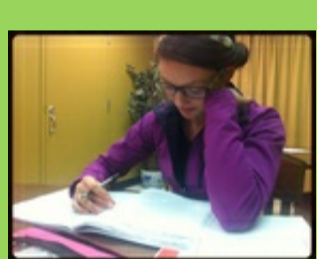


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This Month in Pictures



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.Barnard@tarrantliteracycoalition.org](#). Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program.

Stay Connected to the Tarrant Literacy Coalition!



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Dear Literacy Partner.

Most of us think of this time of year as one for family, friends and festivities, but did you know the month of December was also the setting for some of the most famous events of the American struggle for independence? We'd like to invite you to set the cocoa and gingerbread aside for a moment and take a look back at a couple of our nation's important historical December events.

**The Boston Tea Party takes place on December 16, 1773 between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.** The Boston Tea Party was a direct protest by colonists in Boston against the Tea Tax that had been imposed by the British government. Boston patriots, dressed as Mohawk Indians, raided three British ships in Boston harbor and dumped 342 containers of tea into the harbor.

**General George Washington crossed the Delaware River during the evening of December 19, 1776.** Washington and his men made the famous Revolutionary War crossing on this night because he wanted to catch the Hessian mercenaries (employed by the British military) by surprise, in the midst of their holiday celebrations.

Interested in more December events? Keep reading to learn more about what's happening THIS December.

Hurry before they, too, become history!



Register Now for Our Annual Holiday Reception!

Come celebrate the season with Tarrant Literacy Coalition at our Annual Holiday Reception for Literacy Partners! Enjoy the company of literacy friends, eat festive food, and win fantastic door prizes. **Don't forget, this is when we award \$600.00 in Cash For Class prizes!**

You could win cash to spend on supplies for your literacy class!

Who: Literacy Instructors, Program Directors and Literacy Friends

What: Tarrant Literacy Coalition's Annual Holiday Reception

Where: Fort Worth East Regional Library

6201 Bridge St, Fort Worth, TX 76112

When: December 9, 2015, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Don't be a scrooge! [Click here to RSVP now!](#)

Coming Soon - Metroplex Math Literacy Symposium

Mark your calendars for February 26, 2016, as the Metroplex Math Literacy Symposium is coming soon! This event will consist of a full day of math training for literacy instructors, featuring guest trainer Heidi Schuler, from Canton, Georgia. More information is on its way, so stay tuned!

Congratulations, Lisa Mott!

Congratulations to Lisa Mott, Tarrant Literacy Coalition's most recent recipient of the GED® credential! Lisa started taking classes with TLC in the spring of 2014, but soon had to drop classes to care for her chronically ill daughter. However, two months later Lisa was back, and she was back with a plan. Having been out of school since 1985, Lisa knew what kind of work it would take to prepare herself to pass the GED® and she made a commitment to come to every class on time, take advantage of every moment in the classroom, and to study on her own.

One year later, Lisa's dedication has paid off in the midst of raising three children and working in the bakery at Wal-Mart, Lisa has successfully completed the entire GED® battery of tests and plans to start taking classes at Tarrant County College in January.

Way to go, Lisa!



MyMnCareers Helps Those With Low Literacy Find, Advance Careers

MyMnCareers is a website that helps low-literate job seekers and English language learners find career planning and work preparation information. The site has three distinct levels of content: beginner ("I am an English Language Learner"), intermediate ("I am Finishing High School or My GED®"), and an advanced level ("I am Done with High School/GED® and Want to Advance My Career").

The site provides tools to help students with goal setting and making a career plan is emphasized along with career information and education options. Information about career clusters and pathways helps students and customers to see the connections among related occupations and the need for advanced training. Students or customers can re-visit MyMnCareers and use another level as they progress in their careers or education.

[Click Here to Explore the Site](#)



In the Spotlight: GED® in Spanish

The GED® is a high school equivalency exam, designed to give students who did not complete high school and/or receive a diploma a chance to continue their education and open themselves up to more opportunities: college classes, more job opportunities, etc. The exam can be quite difficult for students, and preparedness is key.

The GED® exam is offered in both English and Spanish and we are fortunate to have several Spanish GED® classes offered in Tarrant County. Community Assistance Network offers these classes each week and Tarrant County College offers Spanish GED® classes in several locations as well. Rocio Gonzalez, an instructor for one of TCC's Spanish GED® programs, claims that offering these kinds of programs in Spanish is important not only to allow Spanish-speaking students a chance to continue their education at a college or university, or further their career training, but also to help students acquire immigration visas and find employment. In fact, Gonzalez says that "more than 200 students benefit from having Spanish GED® courses available at learning centers and college campuses."

The list of resources doesn't stop with programs like TCC's. Rocio's students all have accounts at [ged.com](#), and can translate everything into Spanish with the touch of a button. They can even take the GED Ready® practice test in Spanish. And that's not all: the certificate received for passing the GED® is exactly the same in both English and Spanish. Rocio asserts that this is important because without these resources, "many people would be out of work, college, career training, and out of working visas if Spanish GED® was not offered to students."

FREE Financial Coaching



The Center for Transforming Lives (formerly the YWCA) offers free financial coaching monthly!

[Click here to find more information about how this program can help you, or your students, become more financially stable!](#)

Does Your Literacy Program Need Computers?

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

Literacy ConneXus

Literacy ConneXus Upcoming English Language Acquisition Instructor Training

Teaching English With Excellence (TEX) 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!](#)