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May 29, 2018



Congratulations!

The 2018 Corporate Spelling Bee ended in a TIE between the Fort Worth Rotary Club women's team and the United Way of Tarrant County, who faced off in a final tie-breaker round which stumped both teams! After a coin toss, the Rotary ladies took home the first-place prizes and the traveling trophy, which will be shared between the two teams over the next year. BNSF's team was right behind these two teams and took home the third-place gift bags, filled with hundreds of dollars worth of wonderful prizes donated by our generous sponsors.

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to all of our generous sponsors who helped make the 2018 Corporate Spelling Bee a great success!

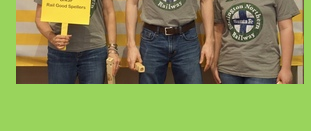
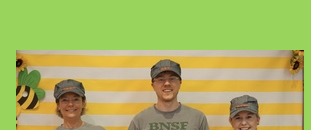
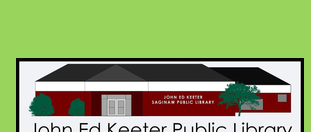


Photo line up, from top: Rotary Club of Fort Worth; United Way of Tarrant County; BNSF Railway; Texas Wesleyan University (Bee Judges); Alcon. Special thanks to our Corporate Spelling Bee Chairs, Larry and Karen Anfin and to all the donors and volunteers who made the event a big success!



News from the Saginaw Library
The John Ed Keeter Library in Saginaw is happy to welcome a new Adult Literacy and ESL Coordinator, Ms. Luz Earley. Luz has previously worked with the Fort Worth Public Library and she is eager to recruit more volunteers for their program and to offer adult education programs for students. If you'd like to know more about their programs or are interested in finding out how YOU can get involved, contact Luz at 817-230-0344 or send her an email to: learley@saginawtx.org



Check out these links for some of our favorite **BOOK BARGAINS** for your summer reading. **BOOKS TO BUY** [Books by the Bushel](#) [First Book](#) **BOOKS TO BORROW** [Fort Worth Public Library](#) [Arlington Public Library](#) [Weatherford Public Library](#) [Watauga Public Library](#) [Hurst Public Library](#) [Euless Public Library](#) [Bedford Public Library](#) [East Parker Co Public Library](#)



Tarrant Literacy Coalition is a proud partner agency of the United Way of Tarrant County.

Dear Literacy Partner,

It is hard to believe that another school year has gone by so quickly. Graduation season is upon us and summer is fast approaching.

At Tarrant Literacy Coalition, we are in a season of change as well. You may know that I made plans to step down as the executive director in early March to spend more time with my family. However, sometimes things don't turn out as we plan. After being away for just a few months, I have returned to TLC to serve as the interim director, at the request of the board of directors. The board will soon be making an announcement about the search for another permanent executive director. The important thing to know is that TLC is continuing to work hard to serve our literacy community and all is well here.

Our **Summer Math Academy** will start on **June 7th** at the White Settlement Family Resource Center. We have room for a few more students, so if you know of someone who is preparing for the High School Equivalency exam, who can spend Thursday evenings with us this summer, have them call us **TODAY** for details: **817-402-7555**.

We are also working on a July training event for teachers, tutors and volunteers - please watch your email for more details coming soon!

In the meantime, if YOU know of any high school equivalency, ESL, citizenship or any other adult programs happening this summer, PLEASE let us know. Our phones are ringing with students calling asking for classes! They know there is no time like the present to begin their journey toward the financial independence that comes with educational attainment. You can [send us an email](#) with the details of your summer programming or call our office with the information (817-402-7555). We want to help spread the word to students who want to enroll in summer classes. Please be sure to include the following information:

- Dates of your summer program
- Day(s) and time of the class
- Location, with specific address
- Enrollment requirements, if any, including any orientation requirements

I look forward to seeing you sometime this summer,
Kathryn B. Thompson, Interim Executive Director



Tarrant Literacy Coalition Receives ToolBox Grant
TLC board president, Beth Zimmerman, is shown here with Adelaide Leavens, board member of the North Texas Community Foundation.

Tarrant Literacy Coalition is pleased to announce that the Coalition has received a grant from the **ToolBox Grants Fund** at the North Texas Community Foundation.

The North Texas Community Foundation, a permanent collection of charitable funds supported by donors, serves 11 counties in the North Texas region. The Community Foundation helps civic leaders, nonprofits and donors apply philanthropic solutions to improve our quality of life. The ToolBox Grants Program provides Tarrant County-based nonprofit organizations with capacity building grants to improve their strength and stability.

Capacity building projects address organizational effectiveness, leadership development, or operational efficiency, and are intended to be one-time, transformative investments. The Board of Directors of the Tarrant Literacy Coalition will use the ToolBox grant to facilitate strategic planning and donor development to improve the Coalition's services to adult learners and those who teach them. For more information about the Community Foundation, log on to their website at <http://www.northtexascf.org>.



Don't miss out on the 2018 Literacy Texas Annual Conference!
August 6 - 8, 2018 Waco Convention Center

Open to literacy volunteers, staff, board members and administrators, the annual **Literacy Texas** conference is not to be missed! This year, the conference will be held in Waco, less than 100 miles from Tarrant County!

Even better, **scholarship funds** are available to help cover much of the cost of this conference. To learn more about the conference, log on to the [Literacy Texas website](#) and check out all the details. Don't delay - scholarship funds are limited and some restrictions apply.



Monday, June 11, 2018 – Tarrant County Adult Education and Literacy Consortium Graduation Ceremony for all students from Fort Worth ISD, Arlington ISD, Birdville ISD, Arlington Public Library, Tarrant County College Workforce Services, and Tarrant Literacy Coalition Project BEST who earned the Certificate of High School Equivalency in the past year. Pre-registration is absolutely REQUIRED. Contact Tarrant Literacy Coalition at 817-870-0082 for more details.

August 6-8, 2018 - Literacy Texas Conference in Waco Click on [this link](#) to make sure you don't miss out!



We wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make this a great year for our Project BEST students. These great teachers help our students reach their goals, in the classroom and in life. Thank you **Terry McClelland, Pris Wright, Amy Pickrel, Maureen Hogan Lake, Ernie Vander Weerd, Matt Wurster, David deSchweinitz, Cindy Worrell and Brisia Wujelas**. We are also especially grateful to our dear friend, **Carol Patterson**, who has been the director of the White Settlement Family Resource Center since we began Project BEST in 2011. Carol is retiring at the end of the summer. We will all miss her sweet smile, caring heart and helping hands. Carol, you're one of the BEST parts of Project BEST!



Carol Patterson with one of our Project BEST graduates and her daughter at the grand opening of the Chesapeake Learner Lab.