



Tarrant Literacy Coalition

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July 2, 2014

It's hard to believe it is already July! I hope you and your family are enjoying the summer. We are very busy here at the Coalition office, with lots of changes going on. Our newest addition is Lezli Shelander, a student from TCU who has joined our staff this summer to do a variety of things to help us serve the community, including help prospective students find GED and ESL classes, maintain the front office - and write this newsletter! Lezli is doing a great job and I am thrilled to have her here. If you call or come by the the office, you'll get a chance to visit with her.

Please check out the upcoming events we have planned. We won't be doing Fourth Friday this month because we have several other things going on - please mark your calendar and make plans to join us!

As always, please remember that we are here to help you in any way we can.

Happy 4th of July!

Kathyn Thompson
Executive Director

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June in Review

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: [Kathryn Thompson](#). Be sure to include a short author bio and some general information about your program

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The Big Book Give Away

We are bursting at the seams! We have so many great resources, from teaching guides to student workbooks, and we would like to share them with you for free!

If you are looking for new resources for the upcoming year for you or your students, make an appointment to come by the Tarrant Literacy Coalition office between Monday, July 14th and Wednesday, July 16th for **The Big Book Give Away**. Our doors will be open from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm for you to look through our selection and choose materials for you and your students. You **must sign up in advance for a specific appointment time**, and only those with appointments will be able to browse these resources. Please bring your own bag to transport books - and did we mention they are free?

Please sign up [here](#). Note: Appointments are available on a first come, first served basis. Sign up today to be sure you get an appointment. **Deadline to register is Thursday, July 10th.**

Farewell to Jennifer Rollins

With heavy hearts, we said farewell to Jennifer Rollins on June 19th at a gathering of students and literacy professionals at the White Settlement Family Resource Center. Jennifer joined the Tarrant Literacy Coalition in November 2011 as an AmeriCorps VISTA member and after a year of service, joined our staff full-time as our Community Outreach Coordinator. She coordinated our Project BEST GED program, oversaw our Fourth Friday educational forums and became known as a local expert on the new GED 2014. But it was Jen's generous heart, her compassionate concern for others and her willingness to help others develop programs for their students that made Jennifer such an important part of our literacy community. Jen and her husband David have moved to Plainview where they will be working with the youth members of Garland Street Church of Christ. We will miss Jen (and David) but know that she will continue to impact lives in her new role.





Welcome Stacey!

We are excited to announce that one of our volunteers - recruited and trained by Jennifer - has joined our staff as our new Adult Education Coordinator. Stacey Reno has been volunteering in our GED program for the past year and will be joining our staff later this month. Stacey has a Master's Degree in Social Work from East Tennessee State University and has been working for UNT Health Science Center. Stacey has tutored our students at White Settlement and is well versed in the rigors of the new GED exam. She will be coordinating Project BEST and working with Kathryn to provide training and technical support for our literacy partners. Stacey's husband is a family practice resident at JPS Health Network. We are thrilled to have Stacey leave her volunteer role and join our staff full-time!



Adult Education & Literacy Community Forum

Houston Center for Literacy is conducting a series of community forums across the state to give local literacy organizations and their supporters a chance to speak out on their public policy needs and priorities. This tour will empower community leaders and inform policy recommendations to create an optimal system, and build capacity for ongoing communication in the future.

This is OUR chance to make our voices heard! Please make plans to attend this important event. The Manager of Policy and Public Affairs for the Houston Center will be working throughout the upcoming legislative session to raise awareness and impact legislation that will benefit our programs and students. She needs to hear from us now. Let's be sure that our local programs are represented!

When and Where:

Tarrant/Parker County Adult Education & Literacy Community Forum

Thursday, July 17, 2014

Registration 1:30 pm

Forum 2:00 to 3:30pm

Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth

4005 Campus Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119

Please RSVP to Kathryn Thompson at info@tarrantlit.org







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