



Tarrant Literacy Coalition

opening the door to opportunity.

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Upcoming Events

- Olympic Games Continue (7/27-8/12)
- International Friendship Day (8/5)
- Literacy Texas Conference (8/6-7)
- Third Thursday (8/16)
- School resumes for FWISD (8/27)
- TEX Basic ESL Training (9/7-8, contact canthony1000@aol.com for more details)
- TLC Open House (9/8)
- North Texas Giving Day (9/13)

Check the website for a complete calendar of events and contact [Jennifer Rollins](mailto:Jennifer.Rollins@tarrantlit.org) to have your event added.

July in Photos



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](mailto:Jennifer.Rollins@tarrantlit.org)

Be sure to include a short author bio and your program's information.

Changes at the TLC Office

Written By: Jennifer Rollins

July 29, 2012

July brought many changes for the Tarrant Literacy Coalition. We moved offices, said good-bye to a VISTA, and grew by two.

July 10 we moved out of our former office space and into a new building on Hwy 377 South (also known as Benbrook Blvd). Literacy ConXus and Agape Baptist Church are close neighbors at our new location. We are very excited about the new space and look forward to having an Open House Meet-Greet-Giveaway opportunity (currently slated for Sept. 8).

Then, less than two weeks after moving, we bid farewell to our AmeriCorps VISTA, Amy Pickrel. Amy served the Coalition for a year and has decided to stay in Fort Worth to work for Catholic Charities as their new Executive Assistant. We are so proud of her and thankful for the work she did with the Coalition, but we dearly miss her smiling face.



The Coalition has received two unique additions this summer. We are very excited that Keome Rowe, Assistant to the Mayor and the Chief of Staff, is joining our board through the Fort Worth Board Shadowing Program. Earlier in the season, Cory Walden, a volunteer with Executives in Action, partnered with the Coalition to serve as Strategic Planning Consultant. Many of you had an opportunity to meet Cory at a couple of the training events held in July.

All these exciting changes have been keeping us very busy. We are planning to welcome a new VISTA staff member at the end of August and hope you will attend the Open House to meet her. Watch your email for invitations!



TLC invites you to Learn, Share, & Connect.



Third Thursdays dates for 2012:

- August 16th
- September 13th
- October 18th
- November 15th

Hosted by:

TCC Opportunity Center
5901 Fitzhugh Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76119
817-515-2500

discuss work, exchange experience, share expertise

At our next Third Thursday event our featured speaker will be **Beth Boatman**, a Qualified Mental Health Professional who has been working with the Samaritan House and the MHMR Center of Tarrant County. Joan Grigsby has invited Beth to share her expertise to help us deal with adult students who may be struggling with mental health/behavioral is-

ues. She will be sharing information and language we can use in the classroom to provide encouragement, avoid conflict and help all our students succeed! Please join us on August 16th at the TCC Opportunity Center (5901 Fitzhugh Ave., FW 76119) from 9-11 AM. Please RSVP for this event to jrollins@tarrantlit.org.

On September 13, at 7 am, the giving begins....



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Give \$25 or more to Tarrant Literacy Coalition via DonorBridgeTX.org on September 13th between 7 am and midnight and your donations will be **multiplied**.



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