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Greetings!

Hi. I'm Rayna.

This summer, I'm an intern here at the Tarrant Literacy Coalition, and it's my pleasure to bring you the July newsletter. Additionally, each week I'll be sending out links to a few of our favorite websites related to ESL, GED, and adult literacy. The first set of recommendations are included in this very letter! But first, a bit about me:

I just finished my freshman year at Stanford University, where I haven't yet declared a major. For the seventeen years before that, though, I lived in Mansfield, Texas, with two wonderful parents and two wonderful sisters who instilled in me a love of learning.

When I was growing up, my family placed a huge emphasis on education. We read stories, played multiplication card games, and set up makeshift scientific labs on the kitchen counter. Now, I realize how lucky I was to live in that environment. In high school and at Stanford, I've worked to share my knowledge with kids in the community, in hopes that they will find themselves similarly excited about learning. But, of course, education is not just an issue for children. So, I'm expanding my horizons, and getting to know students of diverse ages and diverse backgrounds.

Though I may spend time teaching this summer, I'm here primarily as a student. I'm here to learn about the community I come from--its

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May/June in Review

May and June featured training options for all types of literacy classes. Keep up to date on all the trainings and other resources on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

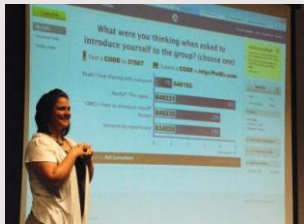


strengths and the challenges it faces, to learn how much increased literacy can improve an adult's life and the lives of everyone they're close to, and to see what I can do to increase access to and quality of education, in Texas and wherever else I may find myself.

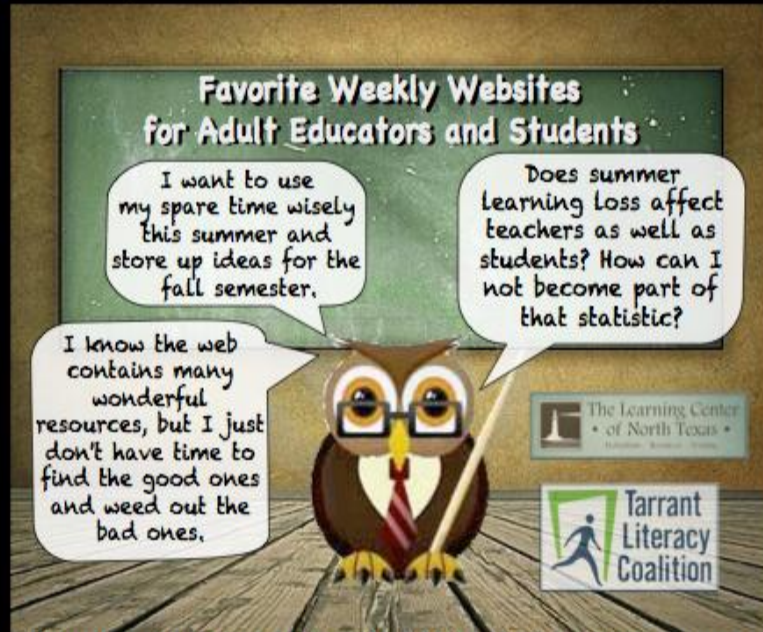
I wanted to join the Tarrant Literacy Coalition because it's an organization ready to teach me, and anyone else who wants to know, exactly those lessons. So, I'm thrilled to be part of the team, and I look forward to seeing what this summer has in store.

Sincerely,
Rayna Smith
Intern





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



This summer, be prepared to receive high quality free online resources for your ESL, GED, and adult literacy classes.

Each week this summer, be on the look out for an email with links to our Favorite Weekly Websites! July is a month for vacations - a time when lots of folks take time to be with their family and take some time off. So we've decided to skip Fourth Friday this month to let everyone enjoy their time off, but we'll be back in August with another great Fourth Friday on August 23. Watch your email for more information.

1. For GED, [2014 Webinars](#)
 - The GED testing service has created a number of videos to introduce the new 2014 GED test and give insight into individual sections of the new exam. The webinars are available online through their website.
2. For adult literacy, [California Distance Learning Project](#)
 - The California Distance Learning Project is a great resource for adult learners. The site has a collection of stories on various topics, each of which is presented at two different reading levels. Stories have accompanying exercises to build vocabulary and increase comprehension, and many also have videos!
3. For ESL, [REEPworld](#)
 - REEPworld is an online tool for adult ESL instructors and students. For educators, it provides curricula and helpful suggestions for teaching an



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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ESL class. For students, there are simple, clear online modules for learning both English and basic computer literacy skills.

Spotlight on... A.S.P.I.R.E.

Erisha DeMolle is one of the extraordinary GED instructors we're lucky to have with us in the DFW area. After closing her office space, she converted her garage into a classroom and invited her students over so that they



could continue to learn.

**Thank you Erisha
for your
dedication!**



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