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Opening the door to opportunity.

In This Issue Dear Literacy Partner, May Book Giveaway!

Arlington ESL Program Accepting New Students

Spring is springing at Tarrant Literacy Coalition and we are BUSY BEES preparing events, training and supplies for Tarrant County's

literacy programmers like you! With TLC's resources **BEEhind** you, your classes will BEE the BEE's knees. It's Spelling Bee Time! Keep reading to see what all the BUZZ is about. You won't BEElieve all of the ways TLC can support you, your classes, teachers, and



TLC's Great Big Book Giveaway Visit Tarrant Literacy Coalition on May 27, 2016 and participate in our Great Big Book Giveaway! Our bookshelves are filled with

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resources for literacy instructors of all types and we want to share them with you.

This Month in Pictures ...And, as an added bonus, the first 20 people to register will receive a coupon good for a selection of 30 brand new children's books to be picked up the same day! These books were donated to TLC by First Book and should be shared with your students and their children to help

> inspire lifelong lovers of learning! When: May 27, 2016 Between 9:00am and 11:00am Where: Tarrant Literacy Coalition Office located at 3954 Southwest Blvd

in Fort Worth (Click here for Map) Register Now for the Great Big Book Giveaway! Are you interested in learning more about First Book? Click here to

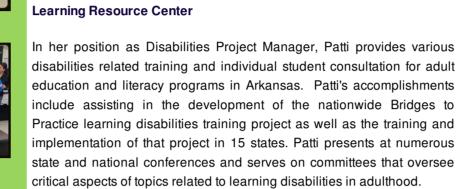
visit their website.



LD 201: Teaching Strategies for Adult Students with Learning Disabilities Presented By: The Learning Center of North Texas About the Workshop: Teaching Strategies for Adult Students with Learning Disabilities is a one-day workshop designed to address student- and program-specific problems regarding the effective and appropriate provision of services for adult students with learning disabilities. The format of the program includes both small and largegroup discussions, as well as numerous individual and small-group activities to practice various instructional strategies. This workshop includes information about multisensory instruction for basic skills,

> and workplace needs. Presenter: Patti White, Disabilities Project Manager, Arkansas Adult

metacognitive skills instruction, using assistive technology to augment learning and processing needs, and online resources for educational



Patti's approach to training and professional development is very practical, so attendees at this session can be assured that they will enjoy a day filled with practical applications, resources, and strategies to help

Where: First Baptist Church of Arlington, Fellowship Hall 300 S. Center St., Arlington, TX. When: April 16, 2016. 8:45am to 3:30pm

Boxed lunches are available for \$5.00 and must be reserved at the time of registration. Pay at the door. You are also welcome to bring a lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Six CPE Credits will be available for certified Texas teachers.

Click here to register now!



In the Spotlight: Jennifer Steffen Steffen, a Fort Worth ISD instructor teaching the adult basic education class at TLC's office. This class, which meets four days per week, is offered through a TLC-FWISD partnership.

Jennifer, who was trained as

an elementary school teacher, has 22 years' experience in We want to feature YOU in offering her students the opportunity to learn in a fun environment using upcoming issues of the new, innovative and varied teaching techniques. Jennifer believes in a Coalition newsletter. You get student-centered classroom and says that while improving reading to hear about our efforts and fluency and comprehension is the goal, she is also incorporating

events all the time but we computer skills, communication skills, and life skills into her daily really want to hear from you! lessons. Please submit stories and Classes meet in the Tarrant Literacy Coalition Office Mon-Thurs (though students do not have to attend all four days) Be sure to include a short

from this instruction? **Email the coalition** or call **817-870-0082**.

8:30am - 11:30am author bio and some general Want more information? Or, do you know someone who could benefit

Stay Connected to the Tarrai Literacy Coalition!

articles to: Sarah Stannard.

information about your

program.



Our Spelling Bee is All the Buzz! Plan to BEE There! Join us for another great evening of spirited competition at the eighth annual Corporate Spelling Bee. Watch as the Texas Wesleyan 'Crushers' defend their title against some of Tarrant County's best spellers while vying for thousands of dollars of fabulous prizes.

> Red and Julie Goldstein, Honorary Chairs Jill "J.R." Labbe, Emcee Gary Cumbie, Wordmaster

April 28, 2016 at the TCU Brown-Lupton University Union Visit our website or email for more information.

You can purchase tickets to the BEE here!

Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Arlington is Enrolling ESL Students Now!

The Good Shepherd UMC in Arlington is now accepting new students for their English Language Acquisition (formerly ESL) classes! They offer four levels of instruction in a small-group setting and will be adding another level of instruction in the Fall semester.

For more information about the program or to refer students, email Melody Jared or call her at 817-368-7379.

TLC Now Providing ELA Classes! Tarrant Literacy Coalition has partnered with Hope Literacy and Agape Baptist Church to provide fun, robust ELA (formerly ESL) instruction in West Fort Worth! We are enrolling students now!

Dr. Harry Wilson, the executive director of HOPE Literacy, will coordinate

the program, as HOPE Literacy is already active in helping churches start, maintain and grow English language programs. Classes meet Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Interested in more information or know a student who could benefit from

ELA instruction? Email the Coalition or call 817-870-0082.

TLC is a Proud Woth Reading Participant

A partnership between the library and other community organizations, Worth Reading expands and enhances the traditional summer reading program, offering activities and programs at locations throughout the Metroplex.

The program is divided into three-month chapters, each with its own activities and prizes. The current chapter runs Feb. to April 30, 2016. <u>Visit the Worth Reading website for more information on how you can</u>

also get involved!

Tarrant Literacy Coalition is seeking volunteer English Language Acquisition (formerly ESL) instructors for classes at the Agape Baptist Church! Commitments are small; only 1.5 hours per week!

No experience? No Problem! We'll make sure you get the training you need to make students successful!

> Class are held: Tuesdays 10:00am-11:30am Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Call 817-870-0082 or email for more information.

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Check Out Literacy ConneXus' 2016 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!

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