



TX REGIONAL LITERACY SYMPOSIUM EAST TEXAS



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025 | TEXARKANA CONVENTION CENTER



Scan for a floorplan, along with detailed descriptions of the sessions and to find out more about each presenter

8:15 AM – 8:45 AM
Outside Ballroom D

CHECK-IN for pre-registered attendees

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM
Ballroom D

WELCOME, opening remarks
Jacqueline Aguilera, Literacy Texas

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Ballroom D

OPENING SESSION (30 min)
Natasha Duncan, East Texas Literacy Council

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Ballroom D

NETWORKING: “Real People. Real Needs. Real Opportunities.” (30 min)
Jacqueline Aguilera, Literacy Texas

10:10 AM – 11:40 AM
Ballroom D

BREAKOUT SESSION #1 (90 min)
East Texas Adult Literacy: Landscape Analysis
Dr. Jenny McCormack Walker, Literacy Texas

Ballroom G

Close Reading Across the Content Areas (Part 1 of 2)
Megan Webb, TCALL

Ballroom H

Educating and Developing Adults in the GED (Part 1 of 2)
Denise Sumlin-Johnson, TCALL

11:40 AM – 12:40 PM
Ballroom D

WORKING LUNCH
PANEL DISCUSSION: “Literacy, Business, and Economic Impact” (45 min)
Natasha Duncan, East Texas Literacy Council (MODERATOR)
Hillary Cloud, Texarkana Chamber of Commerce
Vashil Fernandez, City of Texarkana
Jackie Whittington, Literacy Council of Bowie and Miller Counties

12:50 PM – 1:35 PM

Ballroom D

SPOTLIGHT SESSION: Retention vs Persistence (45 min)

Jacqueline Aguilera, Literacy Texas

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Ballroom D

BREAKOUT SESSION #2 (90 min)

Group Chat IRL: Incorporating Student Voice as an Instructional Strategy

Dr. Jenny McCormack Walker, Literacy Texas

Ballroom G

Close Reading Across the Content Areas (Part 2 of 2)

Megan Webb, TCALL

Ballroom H

Educating and Developing Adults in the GED (Part 2 of 2)

Denise Sumlin-Johnson, TCALL

3:15 PM

Ballroom D

FAREWELL, door prizes

Don't forget to visit special guests:

- ★ Burlington English
- ★ Essential Education
- ★ Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy & Learning (TCALL)

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- ★ The Texas Workforce Commission
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