



TX REGIONAL LITERACY SYMPOSIUM DFW



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026
TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SOUTHEAST CAMPUS

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8:15 AM – 8:30 AM **CHECK-IN for pre-registered attendees, breakfast**
North Ballroom Grateful thanks to **Intercambio Uniting Communities**, our DFW breakfast sponsor! ❤️

8:30 AM – 9:20 AM **WELCOME & THE LITERACY ECOSYSTEM**

North Ballroom Katie Welch, Ph.D., Literacy Texas

“Together for Literacy” – The Literacy Ecosystem (0.25 hours PD)

Katie Welch, Ph.D., Literacy Texas

“Regional Asset Mapping” – The Local Ecosystem (0.25 hours PD)

Stephanie Flaa, World Relief Texas; Katy Heine, World Relief Texas

9:25 AM – 10:55 AM **BREAKOUT SESSION #1 (1.5 hours PD)**

Building SE05 **AI for Adult Literacy: Practical Tools for Teaching and Learning**
Room 1905 Peggy Semingson, Ph.D., UT Arlington

Building SE05 **The FREE Texas Digital Literacy Toolkit**
Room 1907 Gareth Wingfield, TCALL

Building SE05 **Silence Is Not Golden: Creating Questions That Get Students Talking**
Room 1909 Dr. Cynthia Kilpatrick, Literacy ConneXus and Stephen F. Austin State University

11:05 AM – 12:25 PM **BREAKOUT SESSION #2 (1.5 hours PD)**

Building SE05 **Measuring What Matters: Stats, Stories, and Success in ESL**
Room 1905 Matthew Johnston, Literacy ConneXus

Building SE05 **AI and Math Instruction**
Room 1907 Gareth Wingfield, TCALL

Building SE05 **Through a Learner’s Eyes: Designing Programs That Support Adult Learner Success**
Room 1909 Katie Welch, Ph.D., Literacy Texas; Dawt Mi, Aspire; Paul DiBiase, Aspire

12:45 PM – 1:50 PM **WORKING LUNCH + PANEL DISCUSSION (1 hour PD)**

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“Connecting the Dots: Adult Literacy & Workforce Development in the DFW Area”

Stephanie Flaa, World Relief Texas (MODERATOR)

Chris Rowley, Christian Job Corps of Texas

Jauneen Maldonado, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County

1:50 PM – 2:10 PM **“The 20-Minute Mission” – Meet the Exhibitors**

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Katie Welch, Ph.D., Literacy Texas

Exhibitors (see list below)

2:20 PM – 3:20 PM **“Your Move” – Action Planning (1 hour PD)**

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Clark A. Wilson, Ed. D., Collin College

Samuel PJ Lopez, Workforce Solutions Great Dallas; Dallas College & AEL Consortium

3:20 PM **FAREWELL, door prizes**

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Exhibitors at this symposium:

Aztec Software | Cambridge | CommonTeri Services | Essential Education

Literacy ConneXus | Literacy Texas | Pearson English | StoryBook Treasures

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