TX REGIONAL LITERACY SYMPOSIUM DFW

LITERACY TEXAS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE SOUTHEAST CAMPUS

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8:15 AM – 8:30 AM
North Ballroom

CHECK-IN for pre-registered attendees, breakfast

*Grateful thanks to **Intercambio Uniting Communities**, our DFW breakfast sponsor!* ♥

8:30 AM – 9:20 AM
North Ballroom

WELCOME & THE LITERACY ECOSYSTEM
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

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9:25 AM – 10:55 AM

BREAKOUT SESSION #1 (1.5 hours PD)

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

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

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

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11:05 AM – 12:25 PM

BREAKOUT SESSION #2 (1.5 hours PD)

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

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

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

12:45 PM – 1:50 PM *North Ballroom*	**WORKING LUNCH + PANEL DISCUSSION (1 hour PD)** **"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 *North Ballroom*	**"The 20-Minute Mission" – Meet the Exhibitors** Katie Welch, Ph.D., Literacy Texas Exhibitors (see list below)
2:20 PM – 3:20 PM *North Ballroom*	**"Your Move" – Action Planning (1 hour PD)** Shanna Livers, Collin College Samuel PJ Lopez, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas; Dallas College & AEL Consortium
3:20 PM *North Ballroom*	**FAREWELL, door prizes**

Exhibitors at this symposium:

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Literacy ConneXus | Literacy Texas | Pearson English | StoryBook Treasures
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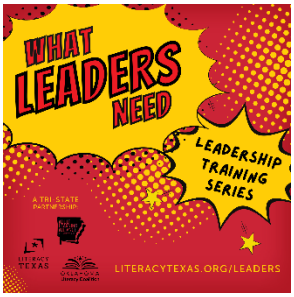
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