TX REGIONAL LITERACY SYMPOSIUM SOUTH TEXAS

LITERACY TEXAS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

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8:15 AM – 8:30 AM *Valencia/Marrs*	**CHECK-IN for pre-registered attendees, breakfast**
8:30 AM – 9:20 AM *Valencia/Marrs*	**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) Katie Welch, Ph.D., Literacy Texas; Dr. Ceci Gomez, The PossAble Dream Adult High School
9:25 AM – 10:55 AM	**BREAKOUT SESSION #1 (1.5 hours PD)**
Rio	**The FREE Texas Digital Literacy Toolkit** Gareth Wingfield, TCALL
Ruby	**Implementing Effective Grouping Protocols for Instruction…** Dr. Isela Almaguer, UTRGV
11:05 AM – 12:35 PM	**BREAKOUT SESSION #2 (1.5 hours PD)**
Rio	**AI and Math Instruction** Gareth Wingfield, TCALL
Ruby	**Bouncing Back: Creating a Culture of Resilience in Your Classroom** Katie Welch, Ph.D., Literacy Texas
Royal I	**From Goals to Growth: Making Learning Visible and Building Learner Ownership…** Karla Rodriguez, MBA, CONTENTBYK and South Texas Literacy Coalition

12:45 PM – 1:50 PM *Valencia/Marrs*	**WORKING LUNCH + PANEL DISCUSSION (1 hour PD)** **"Connecting the Dots: Adult Literacy & Workforce Development in the South Texas Region"** Dr. Ceci Gomez, The PossAble Dream Adult High School (MODERATOR) Eladio Jaimez, Texas State Technical College and Harlingen CISD Board of Trustees Daniel P. King, Ph.D., Region One Education Service Center and The PossAble Dream Foundation Dr. Ricardo J. Solis, South Texas College Tino Villarreal, City of Brownsville
1:50 PM – 2:10 PM *Valencia/Marrs*	**"The 20-Minute Mission" – Meet the Exhibitors** Katie Welch, Ph.D., Literacy Texas Exhibitors (see list below)
2:20 PM – 3:20 PM *Valencia/Marrs*	**"Your Move" – Action Planning (1 hour PD)** Katie Welch, Ph.D., Literacy Texas Dr. Cynthia Salazar, South Texas College Arlene Longoria, M.Ed., Retired
3:20 PM *Valencia/Marrs*	**FAREWELL, door prizes**

Exhibitors at this symposium:

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