



EAST TEXAS LITERACY SYMPOSIUM

LITERACY TOOLS FOR LIFE

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

Longview University Center at UT Tyler: 3201 N. Eastman Rd, Longview, TX 75605

SCHEDULE OUTLINE

- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM **Check-in** for pre-registered attendees, breakfast
Visit exhibitor tables
- 8:30 AM – 8:45 AM **Symposium opens**
Greetings, welcome, introductions
- 8:50 AM – 10:20 AM **Breakout Session 1 (90 min)**
Choose from 4 sessions – details on following page
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Breakout Session 2 (90 min)**
Choose from 3 sessions – details on following page
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Working Lunch (60 min)**
“Serving the East Texas community”
- 1:10 PM – 2:40 PM **Breakout Session 3 (90 min)**
Choose from 4 sessions – details on following page
- 2:40 PM – 3:00 PM **Symposium closes**
Evaluation, wrap-up, door prizes (must be present to win!)
- 3:00 PM **Farewell**



Find more details about the sessions on the Literacy Texas website.

Scan the code above, or go to:
LiteracyTexas.org/EastTX

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PROGRAM DETAILS

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8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

SYMPOSIUM OPENS

8:50 AM – 10:20 AM

Breakout Session 1 (90 min)



Adult Learning Theory | Ann Beeson, New Readers Press

Learn the basics of adult learning theory; talk about differentiated instruction as a reflection of adult learning theory, and how it can improve adult learner outcomes.



Success Toolkit: Student Success is Program Success! | Dr. ShaLonda Adams, Pine Tree ISD, Kilgore College

Topics on how to motivate and retain students, strategies for engagement, and other “in the trenches” aspects will be the emphasis of the community-building talking circle format.

Repeated in Session 3.



Integrating Digital Literacy Even With Limited Access (Part 1 of 2) | Ryan Lett, TCALL

Integrate digital literacy even with limited technology using the models of technology integration; understand and implement the *Engage, Explore, Explain, Apply, & Reflect* lesson module, and incorporate one or two new technology tools into adult education instruction.



Empowering Literacy Programs With AI | Dr. Irene Ramos, TCALL

Unlock the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in transforming literacy programs during this dynamic and insightful workshop; explore innovative AI applications tailored specifically for literacy initiatives, gaining hands-on experience and strategic insights that will enhance your program’s effectiveness.

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Breakout Session 2 (90 min)



ESL Teaching Strategies | Gareth Wingfield, Literacy Council of Tyler

Participants will explore different teaching strategies in the ESL classroom presented by an ESL teacher with more than 30 years of experience. Gareth will walk you through ideas, tips, and examples of how to implement such strategies in your classroom.



A Teacher's Dozen: Activities to Engage Your Learners | Martin Loa, BurlingtonEnglish

In-person, virtual, hy-flex... *donut* worry! No matter what your English language classroom looks like, *dunk* into our session to learn how to *spice up* your teaching and make any lesson more engaging.



Motivate & Engage: How to Maximize Your Ventures Classroom | Sandra Lane, Cambridge

Since the pandemic, it has been a challenge keeping our students motivated and engaged. Learn teaching tools, tips, and ideas using the *Ventures* series. *Ventures* offers strategies and tools for teachers to create a successful classroom. These tools are designed to motivate and to engage the students in a manner that will keep them coming back to class.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

WORKING LUNCH

Michelle Gamboa, Longview City Councilwoman -

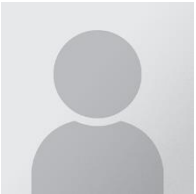
An encouraging look at serving in her community and the impact made on others.

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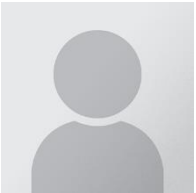
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Ways to Get Your Students Writing | Dr. Olga Escamilla, TCALL

Do your ELL students enjoy writing? Or does it take extra time and effort to get them to write? Writing can be intimidating for adult literacy students. This session will introduce some writing activities and provide creative ways to assist in getting your students to write.



Literacy & Career Pathways | Dr. Irene Ramos, TCALL

Explore innovative approaches that connect literacy skills to real-world career contexts, fostering engagement and empowering learners with practical knowledge. Discover strategies to seamlessly integrate career-focused content into literacy programs, creating a dynamic learning environment that prepares participants for success in both education and their future careers.

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