

Breakout Session H 11:10 AM – 12:10 PM

How to Use Music to Improve Literacy Skills

Shayn Davenport, Dallas County Community College District

Learn how to use music and lyrics as an additional way to help students improve literacy skills.

SAY WHAT? Using Literature Circles for ESL Students

Aimee Finley, Dallas County Community College District

Literature circles are a widely-used practice to improve reading comprehension and encourage conversation. This presentation will show a variety of ways to use this flexible tool for all levels of ESL students. It will also provide tools to quickly and easily integrate technology into the circle to improve digital literacy skills.

PD Portal Overview

Laura Greer, TRAIN PD @ TCALL

TCALL's PD Portal Coordinator will navigate how to search for and request training, the many different things you can do from your transcript, and how to post in the Connect Communities. We will also discuss some of the most common difficulties that PD Portal users run into and how to troubleshoot those issues. Attendees will be given time throughout this session to practice navigating the PD Portal and receive live help from Laura!

Texas Adult Education & Literacy (AEL) Content Standards: A Bridge to In-demand Jobs and Careers

Karl Haigler & Rae Nelson, Haigler Enterprises International, Inc.

The session focuses on the Standards Alignment to Industry Clusters project, an initiative of the Texas Workforce Commission. The SAIC builds on the Texas AEL Content Standards to help educators and Career Navigators prepare adult learners for in-demand jobs and careers.

Opening the Door to Media Bias and Fake News

Debra Hargrove, TRAIN PD @ TCALL

According to Pew Research, 62% of US adults get their news on social media, and two-thirds of Facebook users get news on its site. Given the size of Facebook's user base and its high levels of engagement, the accuracy of content in its News Feed is critical for users to rely on its platform. This session will provide participants with tools to help them authenticate news sources and help students make better informed decisions about what's real and what's fake.

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize: Making Classes Goal-Based and Practical

Colleen Mayer & Carlos Lazo, Literacy Advance of Houston

"What are your goals?" When we start with this question, we can uncover a student's specific motivation for learning and establish a timeline for progress. In this session, tutors learn strategies to help students formulate goals, then tailor instruction for two of the largest groups: parents & workers.

ETS High School Equivalency Testing (HiSET®) Program Updates

Jonna McDonough, Educational Testing Service (ETS)sss

In 2016 HiSET was adopted in Texas. Attendees will learn about the HiSET exam, and the support available to the tester and their teachers.

Taking Back the Immigration Narrative

Denzil Mohammed, The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

Learn the research-based framing strategies to counter the anti-immigrant narrative to better serve, empower, and advocate for immigrant students.