



LITERACY TEXAS

# ANNUAL ★ CONFERENCE

JULY 30 & 31, 2024

"LITERACY & BEYOND"

## 2024 LIT TX CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSION SCHEDULE

For full session descriptions, go to [literacytexas.org/breakouts](https://literacytexas.org/breakouts). All information subject to change.

### TUESDAY, JULY 30

#### BREAKOUT #1 ★ 8:55 am – 10:25 am ★ 90 MIN

AI for Adult Education Literacy	<i>Rina Renteria</i>
From Blank Pages to Boundless Imagination: Explore the Basics of Book Creator	<i>Ashly Winkle</i>
Keeping Learners Motivated and Engaged	<i>Christina Miller</i>
Literacy for All: Structured Reading and Spelling (Part 1 of 2)	<i>Speights, Hungerford Scott</i>
Navigating Change and Transformation: 21 <sup>st</sup> -Century Board Governance	<i>Vicki Clark</i>
Successful Strategies and Supports for Adults with Learning Disabilities	<i>AnneMarie Molinari-Sanders</i>
The Neuroscience of Reading	<i>Horacio Sanchez</i>
Ways to Get Your Students Writing	<i>Olga Escamilla</i>

#### BREAKOUT #2 ★ 10:40 am – 11:55 am ★ 75 MIN

Aging Texas Well: Aligning Health Literacy with Resource Awareness...	<i>Camden Frost</i>
Fostering Inclusive Learning: Building Belonging in Group and 1-1 Classes	<i>Karin Bates</i>
How Empathy Impacts Reading (Part 1 of 2)	<i>Horacio Sanchez</i>
Keep 'Em Coming Back! Retention Strategies for Growth and Success	<i>Charlie Weeks</i>
Literacy for All: Structured Reading and Spelling (Part 2 of 2)	<i>Speights, Hungerford Scott</i>
Navigating the PD Portal: Essential Tips and Training Strategies...	<i>Jessica Beaty</i>
Adult Education: The New Frontier	<i>Mahalia Baldini</i>

#### BREAKOUT #3 ★ 1:45 pm – 3:00 pm ★ 75 MIN

Digital + Health + Literacy: A Prescription for Adult Ed & Career Pathways	<i>Jacqueline Aguilera</i>
How Empathy Impacts Reading (Part 2 of 2)	<i>Horacio Sanchez</i>
Inclusive Leadership: Unleashing The Power of All of Us	<i>Vicki Clark</i>
A Light Touch	<i>Fran-Victoria Stephens</i>

#### BREAKOUT #4 ★ 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm ★ 60 MIN

Beyond Literacy: Transformative Learning	<i>Glenda Rose</i>
Engaging Families Through Meaningful and Critical Conversations...	<i>Iván Tamayo</i>
Enhance Your Students' Learning Experience with Ellii	<i>Laura Jacob</i>
Leveraging State Digital Opportunity Programs to Expand Digital Literacy	<i>Weber, Reyes</i>
The Crucial Role of Relationship Building in Reading Proficiency	<i>Horacio Sanchez</i>
Using Partnerships to Overcome Barriers	<i>Megan Webb</i>
Ventures, ELPS and CASAS STEPS - We've Got You Covered	<i>Robin Graybill</i>
Workforce Activities for Students Over 50	<i>Olga Escamilla</i>



## WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

## BREAKOUT #5 ★ 8:00 am – 9:30 am ★ 90 MIN

Differentiation Makes a Difference: Supporting Students at All Stages	<i>Christina Robledo</i>
Digital Literacy Content Standards	<i>Crystal Tetrault</i>
Goal Setting: Beyond SMART	<i>Wayne Crandall</i>
Hard Skills Open the Door. Soft Skills Build The Future.	<i>Jacqueline Aguilera</i>
Program Evaluation: A Key Component of Program Management (Part 1 of 2)	<i>Wendy Ogren</i>
Reading to Learn: Using Strategies for Teaching the Pre-HSE Learner	<i>Christina Miller</i>
Science, Social Studies, and Math: Cross-Curricular Strategies	<i>Krista Mosher</i>
Upskilling Adult Learners: Leverage Video Lessons for Success	<i>Ashly Winkle</i>

## BREAKOUT #6 ★ 9:45 am – 11:00 am ★ 75 MIN

360 Degree Instruction - Trauma-Informed Instruction That Creates Healthy Graduates...	<i>Kathy Young</i>
Bouncing Back: Creating a Culture of Resilience in ESL Programs	<i>Katie Welch</i>
Building Career and Academic Success for Your Students	<i>Ann Beeson</i>
Digital Literacy and Beyond	<i>Glenda Rose</i>
ESL for Professionals: A Model for Teaching ITP	<i>Mudd, Arocha</i>
Goal Setting Within Family Literacy Programs to Promote Retention	<i>Leesa Kraeger</i>
Improving Accessibility and Creating Community with Volunteer ESOL Teachers	<i>Karin Bates</i>
Program Evaluation: A Key Component of Program Management (Part 2 of 2)	<i>Wendy Ogren</i>

## BREAKOUT #7 ★ 12:55 pm – 2:10 pm ★ 75 MIN

Igniting Family Literacy: The B3 Program's Journey & Impact	<i>Emily Ball Cicchini</i>
Incorporating Relevant Content & Skills with Interactive Literacy Approaches	<i>Lisa Polk</i>
Learn About the New TABE 13 & 14 and CLAS-E Tests!	<i>Chasity Wright</i>
Learn at the Library: 10 Years Growing a Digital Literacy Program in the Public Library	<i>Michelle Rickman</i>
Program Self-Evaluation: When Did You Last Do This?	<i>Lester Meriwether</i>
Sounds of Success: Techniques for Boosting Motivation and Confidence...	<i>Karin Bates</i>
Follow the Story Squared Road: How to Design a Concrete Campaign...	<i>Fran-Victoria Stephens</i>
Creating Culture: The Cornerstone for Recruitment, Retention, and Completion	<i>Jenny Walker</i>

## BREAKOUT #8 ★ 2:25 pm – 3:25 pm ★ 60 MIN

A New Look at ESL Beginning Literacy	<i>Janet Kay</i>
Activities Focused on Community and Culture	<i>Olga Escamilla</i>
Bridging the AEL/GED to Certifications Gap with "Are You Ready for College"	<i>Candace Reese</i>
Creating Student Success with GED - Let's Help Students Earn Their TXCHSE!	<i>Jonna Forsyth</i>
Innovative Partnerships Between a Community-Based Org. and the Public University	<i>Larrotta, Mudd</i>
Leveling the Academic Field for Hispanics: Plaza Comunitaria!	<i>Rosa-Maria Crocker</i>
Now What? Applying Evaluation Results	<i>Wendy Ogren</i>
Sharing the Stories of Adult Learners: A Bibliography	<i>Yolanda Medina</i>

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