



Tulsa City-County Library

**Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service**

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2009 Literacy Catalog

*“That is what learning is.  
You suddenly understand something  
you’ve understood all your life,  
but in a new way.”*

- DORIS LESSING

*“Teachers open  
the door. You enter  
by yourself.”*

- CHINESE PROVERB

## JANUARY

### Adult Learner Book Club

Monday, Jan. 26

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Central Library, Plaza Room

Join other learners and tutors as we read and talk about books. This book club is for learners at all reading levels. Tutors and learners read the book together before each meeting. Learners get to keep their own copy of each book. Call the Literacy Office to find out what book we are reading this month.

## FEBRUARY

### Dreams That Walk: A Goal-Setting Workshop for Learners

Wednesday, Feb. 11

5-7 p.m.

Hardesty Regional Library, Oak Room

Presented by Holly Coats

Learn how to manage your time, get organized and plan for the future. This class will help you get on the path to achieving your goals, whatever they may be.

### Conversation Circles: Let's Talk About Health

Thursdays, Feb. 12, 19, 26

10-11:30 a.m.

Hardesty Regional Library, Ash Room

Presented by Heather Bankson

Come and practice your English speaking and listening skills in a fun and friendly three-session conversation class about health.

### Everything ESL Workshop for Tutors

Tuesday, Feb. 17

5:45-8:45 p.m.

Central Library, Lecture Room

Presented by Heather Bankson

Are you a new ESL tutor looking for guidance on where to start with your student? Join Heather Bankson, ESL literacy specialist, for this crash course covering all the basics of ESL tutoring: language acquisition; cross-cultural communication; teaching conversation, grammar, reading and writing; and how to help your student achieve his or her goals. This class is offered twice annually, with the next class to be held in August.

### Writing From the Heart: Creative Writing for Learners

Saturday, Feb. 21

10-11:30 a.m.

Nathan Hale Library

Presented by Rebecca Howard

Put your thoughts and feelings on paper, without worry and without fear. This creative writing class focuses on the joy of writing – not the anxiety of it. Everyone has something to say, and everyone can write. This is a series of four sessions. Come to any or all of the sessions.

### Adult Learner Book Club

Monday, Feb. 23

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Central Library, Plaza Room

Join other learners and tutors as we read and talk about books. This book club is for learners at all reading levels. Tutors and learners read the book together before each meeting. Learners get to keep their own copy of each book. Call the Literacy Office to find out what book we are reading this month.

### Tutor Talk

Tuesday, Feb. 24

10 a.m.-noon

Zarrow Regional Library

We learn in community! In this discussion group for tutors we share successes, challenges, ideas and solutions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share knowledge with others. There will be four “Tutor Talk” meetings in 2009.

## MARCH

### Phonics Workshop for Tutors

Tuesday, March 3

4-7 p.m.

Herman and Kate Kaiser Library

Presented by Holly Coats

This workshop is for tutors working with beginning and intermediate level basic literacy students. It is designed to help tutors teach the building blocks of reading and writing.

### Speak Up: Public Speaking Tips for Learners

Saturday, March 7

10:30 a.m.-noon

Kendall-Whittier Library

Presented by Tom Bach

Feel more confident when speaking to others. Tom Bach, a tutor, trainer and longtime Toastmaster member, will share tips for public speaking.

### Mini Computer Course

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, 31

6-8 p.m.

Martin Regional Library, Computer Lab

Presented by Alisa Brooks

This four-session class covers basic computer skills, including using the Internet, e-mail and Microsoft Word. Come to any or all of the sessions.

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*“Resolve to edge in a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence.  
If you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year.”*

- HORACE MANN

### Adult Learner Book Club

Monday, March 30

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Central Library, Plaza Room

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## APRIL

### Writing From the Heart: Creative Writing for Learners

Saturday, April 18

10-11:30 a.m.

Nathan Hale Library

Presented by Rebecca Howard

Put your thoughts and feelings on paper, without worry and without fear. This creative writing class focuses on the joy of writing – not the anxiety of it. Everyone has something to say, and everyone can write.

### Literacy and Music Workshop

Tuesday, April 21

6-7:30 p.m.

Schusterman-Benson Library

Presented by Heather Bankson

This fun workshop for tutors and students uses hands-on activities to show how to incorporate music into your lessons. No previous musical experience or ability is required. We'll discover how to translate concepts like rhythm, rhyming and tonality into pronunciation, reading and listening lessons. Heather Bankson, ESL literacy specialist, holds a bachelor's of music education from Loyola University in New Orleans and has written a parents guide to teaching reading through music.

Please register for all classes in advance by calling the Literacy Office at 596-7958.

## APRIL (CONTINUED)

### Adult Learner Book Club

Monday, April 27

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Central Library, Plaza Room

Join other learners and tutors as we read and talk about books. This book club is for learners at all reading levels. Tutors and learners read the book together before each meeting. Learners get to keep their own copy of each book. Call the Literacy Office to find out what book we are reading this month.

## MAY

### Conversation Circles: Let's Talk About Education

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19

10-11:30 a.m.

Herman and Kate Kaiser Library

Presented by Heather Bankson

Come and practice your English speaking and listening skills in a fun and friendly three-session conversation class about the American educational system and how you can help your children succeed in school.

### Tutor Talk

Thursday, May 14

10 a.m.-noon

Schusterman-Benson Library

We learn in community! In this discussion group tutors share successes, challenges, ideas and solutions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share knowledge with others.

### Writing From the Heart: Creative Writing for Learners

Saturday, May 16

10-11:30 a.m.

Nathan Hale Library

Presented by Rebecca Howard

Put your thoughts and feelings on paper, without worry and without fear. This creative writing class focuses on the joy of writing – not the anxiety of it. Everyone has something to say, and everyone can write.

## JUNE

### Adult Learner Book Club

Monday, June 29

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Central Library, Plaza Room

Join other learners and tutors as we read and talk about books. This book club is for learners at all reading levels. Tutors and learners read the book together before each meeting. Learners get to keep their own copy of each book. Call the Literacy Office to find out what book we are reading this month.

## JULY

### Tutor Talk

Tuesday, July 21

10 a.m.-noon

Brookside Library

We learn in community! In this discussion group for tutors we share successes, challenges, ideas and solutions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share knowledge with others.

### Adult Learner Book Club

Monday, July 27

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Central Library, Plaza Room

Join other learners and tutors as we read and talk about books. This book club is for learners at all reading levels. Tutors and learners read the book together before each meeting. Learners get to keep their own copy of each book. Call the Literacy Office to find out what book we are reading this month.

*"If you would  
thoroughly know  
anything, teach  
it to others."*

- TYRON EDWARDS

*"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at 20 or 80.  
Anyone who keeps learning stays young."* - HORACE MANN

## AUGUST

### Everything ESL Workshop for Tutors

Saturday, Aug. 1

9 a.m.-noon

Hardesty Regional Library, Ash Room

Presented by Heather Bankson

Are you a new ESL tutor looking for guidance on where to start with your student? Join Heather Bankson, ESL literacy specialist, for this crash course covering all the basics of ESL tutoring: language acquisition; cross-cultural communication; teaching conversation, grammar, reading and writing; and how to help your student achieve his or her goals.

### Dreams That Walk: A Goal Setting Workshop for Learners

Tuesday, Aug. 4

5-7 p.m.

Herman and Kate Kaiser Library

Presented by Holly Coats

Learn how to manage your time, get organized and plan for the future. This class will help you get on the path to achieving your goals, whatever they may be.

### Conversation Circles: Let's Talk About American Life

Wednesdays, Aug. 5, 12, 19

6-7:30 p.m.

Martin Regional Library

Presented by Heather Bankson

Come and practice your English speaking and listening skills in a fun and friendly three-session conversation class about American culture and civics.

### Mini Computer Course

Thursdays, Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27

2-4 p.m.

Central Library, Computer Lab

Presented by Alisa Brooks

This class covers basic computer skills, including using the Internet, e-mail and Microsoft Word. Come to any or all of the sessions.

### Adult Learner Book Club

Monday, Aug. 31

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Central Library, Plaza Room

Join other learners and tutors as we read and talk about books. This book club is for learners at all reading levels. Tutors and learners read the book together before each meeting. Learners get to keep their own copy of each book. Call the Literacy Office to find out what book we are reading this month.

## SEPTEMBER

### Tutor Talk

Monday, Sept. 21

10 a.m.-noon

Central Library, Plaza Room

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### Writing the Essay

Tuesday, Sept. 29

5:30-6:45 p.m.

Schusterman-Benson Library

Presented by Rebecca Howard

Learn the POWER process of writing a five-paragraph essay. Each class will cover a different step in the writing process. Attend all four sessions and write an essay from start to finish. This class continues on Oct. 20, Oct. 27 and Nov. 17.

## OCTOBER

### Oklahoma Literacy Coalition State Conference

Oct. 2-3

Norman, Okla.

Limited scholarships are available for learners who would like to attend the state literacy conference.

Please register for all classes in advance by calling the Literacy Office at 596-7958.

## OCTOBER (CONTINUED)

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### Writing the Essay

Tuesday, Oct. 20

5:30-6:45 p.m.

Schusterman-Benson Library

Presented by Rebecca Howard

Learn the POWER process of writing a five-paragraph essay. Each class will cover a different step in the writing process.

### Phonics Workshop for Tutors

Saturday, Oct. 24

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Hardesty Regional Library

This workshop is for tutors working with beginning and intermediate level basic literacy students. It is designed to help tutors teach the building blocks of reading and writing.

### Get Informed. Get Healthy. Health Literacy Fair

Saturday, Oct. 24

1-4 p.m.

Martin Regional Library

Understanding health information is very important to staying well. Learn where you can find easy-to-read health information and health-care services in our area. Tutors and students are encouraged to bring friends and family members to this event.

### Adult Learner Book Club

Monday, Oct. 26

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Central Library, Plaza Room

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*"Doing the best at this moment  
puts you in the best place  
for the next moment."*

- OPRAH WINFREY

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## NOVEMBER

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### Pronunciation Workshop for ESL Tutors

Saturday, Nov. 7

10 a.m.-noon

Central Library, Lecture Room

Presented by Heather Bankson

Speaking English clearly is one of the main goals of an ESL student. We'll learn how to demystify the process of learning pronunciation and get some great ideas to incorporate into ESL lessons.

### Writing the Essay

Tuesday, Nov. 17

5:30-6:45 p.m.

Schusterman-Benson Library

Presented by Rebecca Howard

Learn the POWER process of writing a five-paragraph essay. Each class will cover a different step in the writing process.

### Adult Learner Book Club

Monday, Nov. 30

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Central Library, Plaza Room

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## DECEMBER

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### Tutor/Learner Holiday Party

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