

METROPLEX LITERACY CONFERENCE - MARCH 7, 2026 - DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

8:00AM	Registration/Continental Breakfast					
		Exhibitor Showcase	ESL Workshops	ESL & Citizenship	Adult Basic Education & High School Equivalency	Unique ESL instruction and Engagement
	Sadler Hall/ Announcements	LL 05 seats 32	Rogers Auditorium seats 60	LL 06 seats 32	LL 07 seats 32	LL 19 seats 24
9:00AM – 10:00AM	<i>Continental breakfast is included with paid registration</i>	Robin Graybill <i>Cambridge University Press</i> Powering Learner Success in Today's Classroom	Matthew Johnston <i>Literacy ConneXus</i> A Taste of TECs	Harry Wilson <i>HOPE Literacy</i> Directors' Roundtable: Hospitality in Adult Education Programs	Courtney Bonnet <i>Irving ISD</i> Classroom Management & Engagement in Adult Education Programs	Kristyn Kidney <i>Language Hospitality Project</i> Language Hospitality
10-10:15	<i>Exhibitor Tables - Sadler Hall</i>					
10:15AM – 11:15AM	<i>Door prizes provided by conference sponsors and friends of MLC!</i>	Kayla Nielsen <i>Alliance 436</i> Pashto & Dari Language Dictionary	Charlie Johnston ESL & AI	Linda Waggoner <i>Learning for Life</i> Phonemic Awareness in the Adult ESL Classroom	Denise Montgomery <i>Three Leaf Institute</i> From Story to Structure: Helping GED Students Build Strong Writing Skills	Jeff Cross <i>Northwest Community Center</i> Holistic International Ministry
11:15-11:30	<i>Exhibitor Tables - Sadler Hall</i>					
11:30AM – 12:30PM	<i>Lunch is included with paid registration</i>	Kyle Larson <i>AIR Language</i> AI in Physical ESL Spaces: A Practical Bridge for All Levels of Digital Literacy	Karen Peiser <i>Literacy ConneXus</i> ESL: Alive, Awake & Fun	Maria Claudia Vanegas <i>Light of Hope</i> <i>Immigration Law Center</i> Teaching Citizenship	Joan Grigsby <i>Learning for Life</i> Building Progress in Reading	Stephen Crosson w/Matthew Johnston Integrating Prayer into your ESL Classroom
12:30PM – 2:00PM	LUNCH – Dr. Amy Sarker					

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