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Florida Literacy Conference

# BOOKS

April 27th - 29th, 2022

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The Florida Hotel, Orlando

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## Open Books Open Minds

Welcome to the Florida Literacy Conference. We appreciate your being with us to celebrate the Conference's 38th Anniversary. Over the next few days, you will have ample opportunity to learn from your peers, hear from state and national leaders, meet new people and reconnect with old friends and colleagues.

With more than fifty workshops and special sessions, we hope that the conference reflects both the diversity of service providers in adult education and literacy and the learners who we serve. Our conference theme "Open Books Open Minds" is a tribute to the outstanding efforts of teachers, tutors, and administrators throughout Florida. Your work changes lives on a daily basis as adults and families become better readers and learn firsthand how books can open new worlds of opportunity.

On behalf of the Florida Literacy Coalition (FLC), I would like to thank all the individuals who have contributed to the success of this Conference. Without the outstanding support of the Conference Planning Committee, presenters, Adult Learner Committee, and FLC staff, board and volunteers, this event would not be possible.

We are also most thankful to our conference sponsors whose generous support allows us to bring you this quality educational experience. Please visit our exhibitors to learn about a wide range of products and services to assist you in your adult education and literacy work.

Whether this is your first or 38th year at the Florida Literacy Conference, please be assured that we will do our best to make you feel at home. We are here to make your experience an enjoyable one.

Gregory Smith  
*Executive Director*  
Florida Literacy Coalition

**"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."**

***Frederick Douglas***



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## About the Florida Literacy Coalition

Established in 1985, The Florida Literacy Coalition (FLC) promotes, supports and advocates for the delivery of quality adult and family literacy services in the state of Florida.

As a statewide umbrella literacy organization and the host of Florida's Adult and Family Literacy Resource Center, FLC provides a range of services to support more than 250 adult education, literacy and family literacy providers throughout Florida. Special emphasis is placed on assisting community based literacy organizations with their training and program development needs.

### Our Services:

#### Literacy Promotion and Toll Free Literacy Hotline

FLC promotes reading and raises awareness about literacy issues in Florida. A trained referral specialist provides on-call information about education programs and volunteer opportunities in communities throughout the state.

#### Florida Literacy Conference

One of Florida's premier literacy events, this three day annual conference offers a wide range of training and networking opportunities to literacy practitioners and volunteers.

#### Training and Technical Assistance

FLC offers professional development opportunities that provide literacy practitioners and volunteers with tools and resources to enhance program quality. Focus areas include program management, planning, curriculum development, marketing, fundraising, board development, and volunteer tutor training.

#### Networking and Communications

FLC promotes and facilitates information sharing, networking, and collaborative programming among literacy providers through services such as moderated discussion lists, the Florida Literacy Directory and Resource Guide, and targeted technical assistance in developing regional literacy coalitions.

#### Publications and Resources

FLC provides a wide range of free reference and outreach materials, serving as a clearinghouse for the distribution of quality resource materials for literacy instructors and administrators. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Education's LINCS information system, the Florida Literacy Resource Center's web site offers a portal to access the latest literacy-related research, statistics, events, and curriculum resources.

#### Health and Financial Literacy

The Florida Health Literacy Initiative and the Florida Financial Literacy Initiative, provide local program grants, professional development, and technical assistance to teach health education and money management to adult learners statewide.

#### Advocacy

FLC serves as an advocate for community-based literacy programs and quality literacy services statewide.

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# Schedule at a Glance

## Wednesday, April 27

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| 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.   | Registration Open                               |
| 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.   | Exhibits Open                                   |
| 8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.   | Adult Learner Orientation                       |
| 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  | Opening General Session                         |
| 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Concurrent Sessions                             |
| 12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.  | Lunch on Your Own and Time to Visit Exhibitors  |
| 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.   | Florida Literacy Coalition, Inc. Annual Meeting |
| 2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.   | Concurrent Sessions                             |
| 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.   | Extended Break with Exhibitors                  |
| 4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.   | Concurrent Sessions                             |
| 5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.   | Time to Visit Exhibitors                        |
| 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.   | Dinner on Your Own                              |
| 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.   | Opening Reception                               |

## Thursday, April 28

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| 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.   | Registration Open  |
| 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.   | Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors                    |
| 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.   | Exhibits Open  |
| 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  | Concurrent Sessions                                      |
| 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | Concurrent Sessions                                      |
| 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  | Lunch on Your Own and Time to Visit Exhibitors           |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.   | Concurrent Sessions                                      |
| 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.   | Extended Break with Exhibitors and Silent Auction Closes |
| 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.   | Concurrent Sessions                                      |

## Friday, April 29

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| 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.   | Registration Open  |
| 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.   | Concurrent Sessions  |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. | Concurrent Sessions  |
| 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  | Closing General Session & Florida Literacy Awards Luncheon |



## **Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

### **11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

- U.S. Immigration Update - **Salon 2**
- Become a Business Owner - **Salon 3**
- NRP Product Demo - **Forum West 1 & 2**
- How to Differentiate Instruction in Five Areas of Reading for All Learners and Including ELLs - **Legacy South 2**
- Motivating Adult Learners: Self-Efficacy, Goal Setting, and the Learning Environment - **Legacy South 1**
- Inside Outside: Challenges, Solutions, and Successes within Institutional Walls - **Legacy North 1**
- Using IPDAE to Support IET Implementation - **Legacy South 3**
- Enhancing Numeracy Skills and Skill Use of Adults with Learning Disabilities - **Legacy North 2**

### **2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

- Adult Learner Experience - **Salon 2**
- Keeping it Real: Using Teacher and Student Created Video for ESOL - **Salon 3**
- Educating Online in the CBO World - **Legacy South 1**
- GED Program Update - **Legacy South 2**
- Strategies to Help Students to Become Effective Writers - **Legacy North 2**
- Tech ESL - **Forum West 1 & 2 (Computer Lab)**
- Math Strategies for ABE/GED - **Legacy North 1**

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- Reflecting on Your Practice: How Reflection Informs and Shapes Teacher Practice - **Legacy South 2**
- Maximizing Language Learning Software - **Forum West 1 & 2 (Computer Lab)**
- Cambridge One! 1 stop for Ventures Users - **Legacy South 3**
- The Funds of ProLiteracy - **Legacy South 1**
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### **9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

- Florida Department of Education Update - **Legacy South 1**
- Effects of COVID-19 on Correctional Education - **Symposium East**
- Serving the Community with a Literacy Lens - **Legacy South 2**
- Achieving Measurable Skill Gains with GED Academy and TABE 11/12 Academy - **Legacy South 3**
- Rearranging the Formula: Guided Notes in the Science Classroom - **Legacy North 1**
- Free Online Resources for Students - **Forum West 1 & 2**

### **10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**

- Increasing Your GED® Pass Rate and Your Learners' Scores! - **Legacy South 1**
- US Citizenship & Immigration Services Naturalization Information Session - **Legacy South 2**
- Free Tools for Teaching: Financial Literacy Made Easy - **Symposium East**
- Development of an ESOL Career Pathway: Business - **Legacy North 1**
- Building Correctional Education - **Legacy North 2**
- Infusing Health-Literacy Instruction into an ESOL Curriculum - **Legacy South 3**

### **1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.**

- Proper Pronunciation via Syllable Stress and More- **Legacy South 1**
- Multisensory Instruction for EL Learners - **Legacy South 2**
- Techniques for Supporting Student Motivation and Confidence - **Symposium East**
- Why Gamified Learning: Purpose, Key Elements, & Starting Points - **Legacy North 1**
- ABE 123: Focusing on the Basics to Help Returning Citizens Succeed - **Legacy North 2**
- Hands on Banking - An Award-winning Financial Education Program - **Legacy South 3**

### **3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

- Knowledge is Power: Building Digital Literacy Skills - **Legacy South 1**
- Pronunciation for Adult ELLs - **Legacy South 2**
- Roundtable for Community Based Directors - **Legacy South 3**
- The State of Correctional Education - **Legacy North 1**

## **Friday, April 29, 2022**

### **8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.**

- Improving Literacy Through Interdisciplinary Problem-Based Learning - **Legacy South 1**
- Reading Strategies for Struggling Readers - **Legacy South 2**
- Reading and the Brain - **Legacy South 3**
- Fostering Language Development Through School-Home Connections - **Legacy North 1**

### **10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

- The Pop Culture Classroom - **Legacy South 1**
- Explicit Vocabulary Instruction - **Legacy South 3**
- Teaching Skills That Matter in Adult Education - **Legacy North 1**
- Digital Success! Maximizing Student Performance in a Pandemic - **Legacy North 2**

# Schedule - Wednesday

## CONFERENCE TRACKS

- Adult Learner
- Corrections
- ESOL/English Literacy
- Family Literacy
- Health Literacy\*
- Learning Disabilities
- Library Literacy
- Program Management
- Reading
- Technology
- Volunteers in Literacy
- Workforce Education/College and Career Readiness
- ABE, GED, and Adult High School
- Financial Literacy\*

\* Special thanks to Florida Blue for sponsoring the Health Literacy Track and Wells Fargo for sponsoring the Financial Literacy Track.

## Wednesday, April 27

### Adult Learner Day



Welcome Adult Learners! Today is filled with adult learner friendly workshops, which are indicated by the open book icon. Special thanks to the Florida Department of Library and Information Services for sponsoring this event and for FLC's Adult Learner Committee for helping to plan the day's activities.

**8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Registration Open - Mezzanine**

**8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Exhibits Open - Mezzanine**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Adult Learner Registration - Symposium West**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. - Adult Learner Orientation - Symposium East**

**Marty Finsterbush, VALUEUSA**

This session will review the day's events and orient students to the Conference. Come to learn, have fun, and make new friends!

**9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Opening General Session - Salon 2**



### Keynote Speaker - Alex "China" Gracia

Founder, CEO and fashion designer of CVLZD Apparel, China faced challenging circumstances growing up on the streets of Miami. As a young man, he struggled with reading and was labeled a "problem child with learning disabilities." Dressing up was the way he expressed his voice. While in High School, he created his first piece, a jacket and fashion statement that gained him popularity and reflected his Haitian heritage. After serving in the Marines and a stint in the music industry, China started his own successful fashion brand, influenced by the cultures of Miami, Haiti, Cuba and Colombia. An identity brand, China designs for the people who want a voice and want their clothes to do the talking.

## 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

### U.S. Immigration Update - Salon 2

**Donald Jarrell, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

This session will discuss the state of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the latest news on applying for immigration benefits. The presenter will share information and resources available through USCIS and provide an update on new executive actions. There will be an opportunity for questions.

**Adult Learner**



= Adult Learners will benefit from attending this session



# Schedule - Wednesday

**11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Wednesday, April 27 - Continued**

## **Become A Business Owner- Salon 3**

**Lois Perry, SCORE Orlando**

So, you want to own your own business. What an exciting venture, but what does it take! Join Lois Perry from SCORE Orlando to learn about the journey of an entrepreneur and basic steps to starting your own business. Bring your questions and be ready for an interactive session.

**Adult Learner**

## **NRP Product Demo: Online Product Demonstrations for Learning Upgrade and NRP Online Learning - Forum West 1 & 2**

**Karen Welch, New Readers Press – vendor presentation**

Making gains on TABE 11/12 just got easier! See how Learning Upgrade and New Reader's Press TABE Online can improve your student's skills! ELL and HSE success! Participants will receive a complimentary free 30-day trial. Find out how you can apply for ProLiteracy grants and access these exciting new products!

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School & Technology**

## **How to Differentiate Instruction in Five Areas of Reading for All Learners and Including ELLs - Legacy South 2**

**Arzu Leushuis, FSU, School of Teacher Education; Jennifer Hamilton, FSU, School of Teacher Education; Angie Davis, Florida State University**

In order to implement differentiating instruction (process, product, and context), it is important to identify students with differing reading profiles. This workshop will focus on how to use data to differentiate five areas of reading and provide sample lessons for each of them.

**English Literacy/ESOL & Reading**

## **Motivating Adult Learners: Self-Efficacy, Goal Setting, and the Learning Environment - Legacy South 1**

**Kaylynn Hamilton, LINCS - US Department of Education**

This session will provide an overview of a LINCS study circle that focuses on adult learner motivation. Research highlights will be discussed, and participants will have an opportunity to share strategies they use to enhance learners' motivation.

**Program Management and ABE, GED & Adult High School**

## **Inside Outside: Challenges, Solutions, and Successes within Institutional Walls - Legacy North 1**

**Anna Schubarth, Florida Department of Corrections**

A look at real incidents within educational programs highlighting challenges, solutions, and successes as individuals set goals and focus on community reintegration. Several true-story vignettes illustrate the day-to-day life of staff and students within institutional walls.

**Corrections**

## **Using IPDAE to Support IET Implementation - Legacy South 3**

**June Rall & Tammy Serrano, IPDAE & Ronald Cruz, CARIBE Refugee Program, HCPS**

We all play an important role in becoming #1 in workforce education and ensuring our students are prepared for the workforce. Learn about IPDAE's new projects, instructional strategies, and ready-to-use resources to assist you as you continue to develop, implement, and expand your IET Program(s).

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School & Workforce Education/College and Career Readiness**

## **Enhancing Numeracy Skills and Skill Use of Adults with Learning Disabilities- Legacy North 2**

**Margaret Patterson, Research Allies for Lifelong Learning**

This interactive session shares recent research on numeracy skills and skill use for adults with learning disabilities (LD). 2012-2014-2017 PIAAC assessed adults' skills and use of skills. Come learn how adults with LD use numeracy skills at work/home, and strategies to enhance skill use.

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School & Learning Disabilities**



= Adult Learners will benefit from attending this session

# Schedule - Wednesday

12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - Lunch on Your Own/Time to Visit Exhibitors - **Mezzanine**

## Florida Literacy Coalition Annual Meeting (Optional) - **Salon 2**

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Find out what's new at the Florida Literacy Coalition (FLC). Your participation is welcome as we review and discuss FLC programs and future directions. Be the first to get a copy of the newly released adult learner essay book - New Beginnings. Several student authors will read their essays, which is always a highlight! So grab your lunch and join us. Attendees will be entered to win two free 2023 Florida Literacy Conference registrations.

## 2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

### Adult Learner Experience- **Salon 2**

**Marty Finsterbush, VALUEUSA**

Join this interactive workshop as adult learners discuss why they have enrolled and stayed in their programs. Adult learners who attend this session will get an opportunity to participate in sharing their stories and experiences in life and adult education.

**Adult Learner**

### Keeping it Real: Using Teacher and Student Created Video for ESOL- **Salon 3**

**Duren Thompson and Sam Bishop, Center for Literacy, Education and Employment (CLEE), Tennessee**

Using teacher and learner-created video for ESOL instruction provides opportunities for increased language practice, strengthens relationships and builds marketable skills. Join us to explore, hands-on, easy steps for creating short and simple video using mobile devices and ways to connect them to language learning objectives.

**English Literacy/ESOL & Technology**

### Educating Online in the CBO World - **Legacy South 1**

**Veronica Pavon-Baker, Literacy Volunteers of Collier County**

Community-based organizations can now offer quality ESL online instruction using free resources and minimal cost educational programs. Come and see how you can implement an interactive and comprehensive standards-based online curriculum using the Canvas.

**English Literacy/ESOL**

### GED Program Update - **Legacy South 2**

**Brian Smith, GED Testing Service – Vendor presentation**

This session will take a comprehensive look at the GED® program and highlight new tools and best practices for adult educators. Please bring your questions on all things GED related.

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School**

### Strategies to Help Students to Become Effective Writers - **Legacy North 2**

**Angie Davis, FSU, School of Teacher Education; Arzu Leushuis, Florida State University; Jennifer L. Hamilton, Florida State University**

Since writing is a skill that students need and use inside and outside of the classroom, it is very important to teach this fundamental competence with a variety of strategies. This workshop will focus on effective writing practices, genres, and styles for all learners.

**English Literacy/ESOL & Reading**



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# Schedule - Wednesday

## **2:15p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Wednesday, April 27 - Continued**

### **Tech ESL - Forum West 1 & 2 (Computer Lab)**

**Anna Gandrabura, English For IT - Vendor Presentation**

What if one single curriculum could improve immigrant's English and encourage them to build tech careers? The solution is: English For Tech - an ESL curriculum for K-12, HigherEd, Adult learning which helps improve student's English and open up tech care.

**English Literacy/ESOL & Workforce Education/ College and Career Readiness**

### **Math Strategies for ABE/GED - Legacy North 1**

**Rebecca DeJesus, Orange Technical College**

Session includes ideas for the use of manipulatives, print and web-based resources that can be integrated into the classroom in minutes. Learn about the most-missed areas of the GED math test which may help you hone-in on the vital lessons that your students need.

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School**

## **3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Extended Break with Exhibitors**

## **4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**

### **Reflecting on Your Practice: How Reflection Informs and Shapes Teacher Practice - Legacy South 2**

**Kaylynn Hamilton, LINC**

This presentation addresses how Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, or English as a second language teachers can understand and use their own research to inform classroom practice. We highlight reflective methods of professional development; the free, online LINC resource collections; and reflective methods currently used in the field and discuss a relevant professional development plan.

**Program Management**

### **Maximizing Language Learning Software - Forum West 1 & 2 (Computer Lab)**

**Jelitza Rivera, Orange County Library System**

This session will discuss how to maximize the impact and use of language learning software in an ESL classroom and at home.

**English Literacy/ESOL & Technology**

### **Cambridge One! 1 stop for Ventures Users - Legacy South 3**

**Jim Goldstone, Senior ESOL Specialist - Vendor Presentation**

Jim Goldstone from Cambridge University Press will present to ESOL programs, our adult ESOL series Ventures. Teachers will be thrilled to use the NEW Cambridge platform --Cambridge One, where all Teachers' and Learners' Resources and Teacher' Materials are in one place with one click!

**English Literacy/ESOL & Technology**

### **The Funds of ProLiteracy - Legacy South 1**

**Ricqui Brooks, ProLiteracy**

ProLiteracy's various grants provide funding for digital materials, print materials, and now general operating expenses. Attend this session to learn more about each fund, the application process, and eligibility requirements.

**Program Management**

### **Strategies for Recruiting Adult Learners – A Market Research-Based Approach - Legacy North 1**

**Greg Smith, Florida Literacy Coalition**

Join us and learn about FLC's market research project that studied key messages, terminology, and communications methods in recruiting students and informing them about adult education opportunities.

**Program Management**

# Schedule - Wednesday & Thursday

## **Wednesday, April 27 - Continued**

**5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Time to Visit Exhibitors**

**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Dinner on Your Own**

**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Opening Reception - Symposium Terrace (Lobby Level)**

Join us for an evening of music, food and fun! Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served. Music performed by The David Capp Project. The Terrace is accessible through the lobby level symposium rooms.

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**8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors - Mezzanine**

**8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Exhibits Open - Mezzanine**

### **9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions**

#### **Florida Department of Education Update - Legacy South 1**

**Rachel Ludwig & Phil Anderson, Florida Department of Education**

This session will highlight Adult Education program issues to include Integrated Education & Training, Curriculum Frameworks for Adult Basic Education, Adult High School, ESOL, Assessments and upcoming professional development opportunities.

#### **Effects of COVID-19 on Correctional Education - Symposium East**

**Margaret Patterson, Research Allies for Lifelong Learning**

The COVID-19 pandemic brought massive change to correctional education. In January 2022, the COABE Prison Literacy Committee conducted a national survey to identify what was happening to correctional education programs. This session presents survey results, including predictors of student enrollment changes and current staff satisfaction.

**Corrections**

#### **Serving the Community with a Literacy Lens - Legacy South 2**

**Eileen Santiago, Broward College**

Reading professor, Eileen Santiago, and her pre-service teachers will share the projects that they have worked on for the last two years to promote literacy and engage struggling readers in the under-served Broward communities.

**Family Literacy & Reading**

#### **Achieving Measurable Skill Gains with GED Academy and TABE 11/12 Academy - Legacy South 3**

**Stephanie Eichner, Essential Education**

We will focus on GED Academy and TABE 11/12 Academy and best-practices to obtain measurable skill gains. We are excited to welcome SPANISH instructional content to the Essential Education family! Please join us as we look at the many resources offered by Essential Education!

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School & Corrections**

#### **Rearranging the Formula: Guided Notes in the Science Classroom - Legacy North 1**

**Candia Neely, Bahamas Ministry of Education**

This session will explore the science behind guided notes. Participants will learn how a Physics teacher used guided notes to increase comprehension and learning gains with native and ESL students. Participants will also gain strategies for creating resources that nurture interest, participation and critical thinking.

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School & English Literacy/ESOL**

#### **Free Online Resources for Students - Forum West 1&2**

**Ricqui Brooks, ProLiteracy**

Education Network has great free resources for students. Students can find resources to help practice reading, writing, English, and math skills. Resources include online books to practice reading, courses to research jobs and prepare for interviews, and more. Come hear what we have to offer.

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# Schedule - Thursday

## 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

### **Increasing Your GED® Pass Rate and Your Learners' Scores! - Legacy South 1**

**Christina Miller, Aztec - Vendor Presentation**

Join us to explore the High Impact Indicators (HII) compiled by GED® Testing Service that highlight key foundational skills and critical thinking skills. Practical teaching strategies for critical thinking skills will be discussed and a preview of Paxen Steck-Vaughn's GED® 2nd Edition that include HII.

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School & Corrections**

### **US Citizenship & Immigration Services Naturalization Information Session - Legacy South 2**

**Don Jarrell, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

USCIS will present an overview of the naturalization process, covering the eligibility requirements for naturalization, how to properly apply, what to expect at the interview, the educational testing components and the oath ceremony. A question and answer will follow.

**English Literacy/ESOL & Volunteers in Literacy**

### **Free Tools for Teaching: Financial Literacy Made Easy - Symposium East**

**Lesley Mace, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta- Jacksonville Branch**

An abundance of digital and physical resources as well as hands-on activities to improve financial literacy skills will be shared in this interactive session featuring free Federal Reserve resources and effective strategies for teaching personal finance topics.

**Financial Literacy**

### **Development of an ESOL Career Pathway in Business - Legacy North 1**

**Harold Gertner, Santa Fe College**

This session will provide participants with an overview of Santa Fe College's Adult Education ESOL Business Career Pathway. General employment, business specific language review, and computers resources and course plans included. Session participants will receive guidance, resources, and materials to establish their own similar program.

**English Literacy/ESOL, Workforce Education/ College and Career Readiness**

### **Building Correctional Education- Legacy North 2**

**Heather Rainey, Florida Department of Corrections**

In this session, we will explore the challenges of reviving a faltering educational program, and discuss strategies for team-building, planning, funding, and maintaining a successful program.

**Corrections**

### **Infusing Health-Literacy Instruction into an ESOL Curriculum - Legacy South 3**

**Lucas Katz, Miami Dade College**

This presentation will summarize efforts at Miami Dade College-Hialeah to implement the Health Literacy Initiative into two of our high-intermediate ESOL courses. We have just begun to integrate the curriculum into an IET framework designed for Certified Nursing Assistant preparation.

**Health Literacy & ABE, GED, and Adult High School & English Literacy/ESOL**

## 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Lunch on Your Own/Time to Visit Exhibitors

## 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

### **Proper Pronunciation via Syllable Stress and More! - Legacy South 1**

**Mary Quijano, Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas (LCUP); Volunteers for Adult Literacy in Florida (VALF)**

When our English language learners can determine syllable stress, they will more easily pronounce words. Tricky words such as heteronyms, homophones, and words that include silent letters are also vital to English language learners' communication. Attend this session to learn how to help your learners increase communicative competence!

**English Literacy/ESOL & Volunteers in Literacy**

# Schedule - Thursday

## **Multisensory Instruction for EL Learners - Legacy South 2**

***Dr. Jennifer Bishop, Reading Horizons - Vendor Presentation***

This session will provide participants with an overview of how multi-sensory instructional practice can facilitate an acceleration in learning for EL students. Engage in hands-on multi-sensory practice activities that will support EL students.

***English Literacy/ESOL & Reading***

## **Techniques for Supporting Student Motivation and Confidence - Symposium East**

***Karin Bates, Intercambio Uniting Communities -Vendor Presentation***

By examining aspects of adult learning theory and principles unique to adult learners, this interactive workshop will explore concrete ideas for supporting student retention. We will discuss factors that positively influence motivation and confidence, and provide specific techniques for bringing these into the classroom.

***English Literacy/ESOL & ABE, GED, and Adult High School***

## **Why Gamified Learning: Purpose, Key Elements, & Starting Points - Legacy North 1**

***Duren Thompson, Center for Literacy, Education and Employment (CLEE); Sam Bishop, Center for Literacy, Education and Employment (CLEE)***

Why gamify learning? Doesn't it just mean games? Isn't it unprofessional? How would I do this with my learners? We'll answer these questions as well as discuss the research behind gamification and how it can be used to strengthen anyone's life-long learning skills.

## **ABE 123: Focusing on the Basics to Help Returning Citizens Succeed- Legacy North 2**

***Benjamin Potmesil, Florida Department of Corrections***

Focusing on the basics helps build stronger, lifelong learners with better decoding and problem solving skills. Learn how Marion CI provides the foundation for life-changing transition within the institution that translates to returning citizens with skills that help them succeed.

***Corrections & ABE, GED, and Adult High School***

## **Hands on Banking - An Award-winning Financial Education Program - Legacy South 3**

***Kate Wilson, Wells Fargo and Heather Surrency, Florida Department of Corrections***

Understanding the basics of financial literacy can be challenging for adult learners. This session will demonstrate easy ways to incorporate numeracy and financial topics into your curriculum in order to help build money management, budgeting, and saving skills. Participants will also get to try out the new Hands on Banking Experience, an engaging money management simulation game based on real life experiences.

***Financial Literacy***

**2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Extended Break With Exhibitors - Silent Auction Closes at 3pm!**

## **3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions**

### **Knowledge is Power: Building Digital Literacy Skills - Legacy South 1**

***Heather Surrency, Florida Literacy Coalition***

This hands-on session will offer ways to integrate digital literacy skills into instruction with a focus on finding and evaluating high quality health information. Participants will learn how to provide learners with a toolbox of digital literacy skills; examine how companies use algorithms to curate what we see online; and explore FLC's new digital health literacy online course.

***Technology, Health Literacy & English Literacy/ESOL***

### **Pronunciation for Adult ELLs - Legacy South 2**

***Leanne Chacon, Intercambio Uniting Communities - Vendor Presentation***

This workshop provides teachers with practical, easy-to-use tools and techniques to deliver on what adult ESL students want most: to speak English well. By addressing students' desire to learn correct pronunciation, teachers will build their confidence, rapport, retention and participation in virtual and in-person classes.

***English Literacy/ESOL***

# Schedule - Thursday & Friday

**3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Thursday, April 28 - Continued**

## **Roundtable for Community Based Directors - Legacy South 3**

**Greg Smith, Florida Literacy Coalition**

Community and volunteer-based literacy programs experience unique challenges and opportunities. Join directors and program managers from around the state for a roundtable discussion on trends, promising practices, and strategies for effectively managing adult education and literacy programs.

**Program Management**

## **The State of Correctional Education - Legacy North 1**

**Gwen Brock, Florida Department of Corrections**

Educational data analysis focused on understanding the challenges and building upon the successes of FDC's Educational Programs leading to the why and how we educate incarcerated individuals.

**Corrections**

**4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. - Literacy Lore Game Get Together - Legacy South 2**

## Friday, April 29

**8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions**

## **Improving Literacy Through Interdisciplinary Problem-Based Learning - Legacy South 1**

**Earlene Russell, Bahamas Ministry of Education**

This session will highlight the results of an action research study conducted by Bahamian high school teachers. We will discuss how an Interdisciplinary Problem-based learning approach can increase student engagement and literacy skills across an entire level. Content specific strategies will be highlighted.

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School & English Literacy/ESOL**

## **Reading Strategies for Struggling Readers - Legacy South 2**

**Talia Cotton, Tallahassee Community College**

Participants will learn and practice reading strategies that are engaging to students! Strategies are focused on engaging students with words, texts, and content information. Training will provide Make and Take items, Worksheets, and Samples.

**English Literacy/ESOL & Reading**

## **Reading and the Brain - Legacy South 3**

**Karyn Grace, Cambridge Public Schools**

Participants are engaged in simulation activities and interactive instructional reading approaches. The research on reading instruction drives this session. This presentation shares the latest research and supplies the educator/support staff with strategies to embed in their curriculum, use as interventions, or as specially designed instruction.

**Learning Disabilities & Reading**

## **Fostering Language Development Through School-Home Connections - Legacy North 1**

**Karla Sanchez, Integrity Tabernacle Christian Academy**

Living in a time where technology has replaced relatability, fostering school-home connections has never been more vital to student literacy. This session will share the family literacy model used by Integrity Tabernacle Christian Academy that involves students, parents, and teachers all playing their role.

**Family Literacy**



# Schedule - Friday

## 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

### **The Pop Culture Classroom - Legacy South 1**

**William Visco, The University of Akron**

This session helps to understand how to use students pop culture in order to engage them in content learning while building a positive social emotional learning experience.

**Reading & Technology**

### **Explicit Vocabulary Instruction - Legacy South 3**

**Talia Cotton, Tallahassee Community College**

Participants will learn how to utilize Explicit Vocabulary Instruction by dedicating a portion of instructional time to word learning, repeated exposure to new words, and providing students with strategies to make them independent vocabulary learners.

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School & Reading**

### **Teaching Skills That Matter in Adult Education - Legacy North 1**

**Christine Briggs, Lin Rhines, Khris Betten and Vanessa Alvarez, Collier Adult Education**

Did you ever wonder how enhancing the effectiveness of adult education could happen? Teaching Skills That Matter (TSTM) in Adult Education is a professional development project which combines evidence-based materials in five content focus areas of critical importance in adults' lives.

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School & English Literacy/ESOL**

### **Digital Success! Maximizing Student Performance in a Pandemic - Legacy North 2**

**Lakell Johnson, Audra Tynes, Rasjinique Smith, Janelle Johnson and Pleshette Mcphee; Bahamas Ministry of Education**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Instructors at The Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute designed a literacy success plan for students enrolled in a digital Preparatory English course. A myriad of engaging methodologies and critical thinking skills were used to improve achievement.

**ABE, GED, and Adult High School & English Literacy/ESOL**

## **Closing General Session & Florida Literacy Awards Luncheon - Salon 2**



**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

### **Keynote Speaker - Billy Collins - United States Poet Laureate (2001-2003)**

No poet since Robert Frost has managed to combine high critical acclaim with such broad popular appeal. Mr Collins' work has appeared in a variety of periodicals including The New Yorker, The Paris Review, and The American Scholar. He is a Guggenheim fellow and a New York Public Library "Literary Lion." Mr. Collins has published twelve collections of poetry and his last three have broken sales records for poetry.

### **2022 Florida Literacy Award Winners**

**Excellence in Education – El Sol, Jupiter's Neighborhood Resource Center**

**Flight for Freedom Award – Luder Exanor**

**Mary J. Brogan Leadership Award – Gina Solomon**

**Outstanding Business Partner – Hispanic Outreach Center, Clearwater**

**Outstanding Literacy Volunteer – Nancy Abney**

This is a ticketed event. A limited number of additional tickets are available for purchase at the registration desk.

# 2022 Conference Exhibitors

## ACE of Florida - Table 16

ACE of Florida, Inc. is a nonprofit professional association representing the interests and concerns of adult and community educators, students and volunteers. ACE provides a variety of resources to adult and community educators throughout Florida.

## Aztec Software - Table 15

For over 40 years, Aztec has been the leader of the application of technology to education, serving Adult Ed and workforce preparation with interactive digital software, ePublications and print. ANNOUNCING: AZTEC is GED® Testing Service's ONLY Preferred Partner for the Spanish GED® Test."

## Cambridge University Press - Table 11

We are part of the University of Cambridge, with a wealth of expertise in English language learning, curriculum, assessment, and teacher training. Working in partnership with you, we provide a coherent, evidence-based approach, end-to-end support, solutions, and advice for achieving greater educational outcomes.

## Data Recognition Corp - Table 1 Sponsor

Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) provides full-service, customized and off-the shelf assessment solutions, including high stakes summative assessments and assessments for Adult Education, English Language Learners, Interim/Benchmark, Formative, and classroom diagnostics.

## Essential Education - Table 4

Essential Education helps people take the steps towards a brighter future by creating resources for adult educators and learners. From Adult Basic Education and High School Equivalency to College and Workforce Readiness, we are your source for quality adult education.

## Florida Literacy Coalition - Table 13

Established in 1985, The Florida Literacy Coalition (FLC) promotes, supports and advocates the effective delivery of quality adult and family literacy services in Florida.

## GED Testing Service - Table 5

At GED Testing Service, we have helped over 20 million students achieve high school equivalency and pursue a brighter future. We strive to empower all students to improve their lives through education.

## Grand Canyon University - Table 14

GCU is Arizona's premier, private Christian university committed to delivering affordable, transformative higher education. Find your purpose at [gcu.edu](http://gcu.edu)

## Intercambio Uniting Communities - Table 6

Intercambio is a non-profit based in Boulder, CO that runs a successful adult ESL program and shares its curriculum and trainings with over 500 programs nationally.

## VISIT FLC ON SOCIAL MEDIA.



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## LiteracyPro Systems - Table 10

LPS is the premier provider of data management services for volunteer literacy and adult education. See what's new with LACES, our comprehensive, flexible and easy to use software. LACES offers better data collection, searching, reporting, and program analysis to enhance your program quality

## New Readers Press - Table 9

From basic reading instruction to high school equivalency and workplace skills development, New Readers Press has built a library of resources and materials that have helped millions of students achieve their educational goals.

## New Worlds Reading Initiative (UFL) - Table 12

Worlds Reading Initiative is Florida's free statewide book and literacy resource delivery program that partners with students and families to build personalized, at-home libraries. NWRI is free to all K-5 students in public and charter schools who are not yet reading on grade level.

## Reading Horizons - Table 8

Empower your teachers with an explicit phonics curriculum that helps every K-3 student build a solid foundation in reading and spelling through both software and direct instruction. This is where reading momentum begins.

## Townsend Press- Table 7

Townsend Press is an independent publisher of acclaimed English/Language Arts materials. Our singular focus is summed up in our motto: "Helping you help students learn."

## US Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security - Table 17

USCIS is the government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States. Some of the services we provide include naturalization, permanent residence, applying for family and business visas, and verifying an individual's right to work in the U.S. USCIS upholds America's promise as a nation of welcome and possibility with fairness, integrity, and respect for all we serve.

## UT CLEE Lore Quest - Table 2-3

Exploring fun and motivating learning tools to support educational systems change and continuous improvement. Join in our Quest gamification experience at FLC - earn badges, compete for top scores, and lure a Lore Sprite! For more info, visit our booth near registration or <https://tiny.utk.edu/QuestUTCLEE>.

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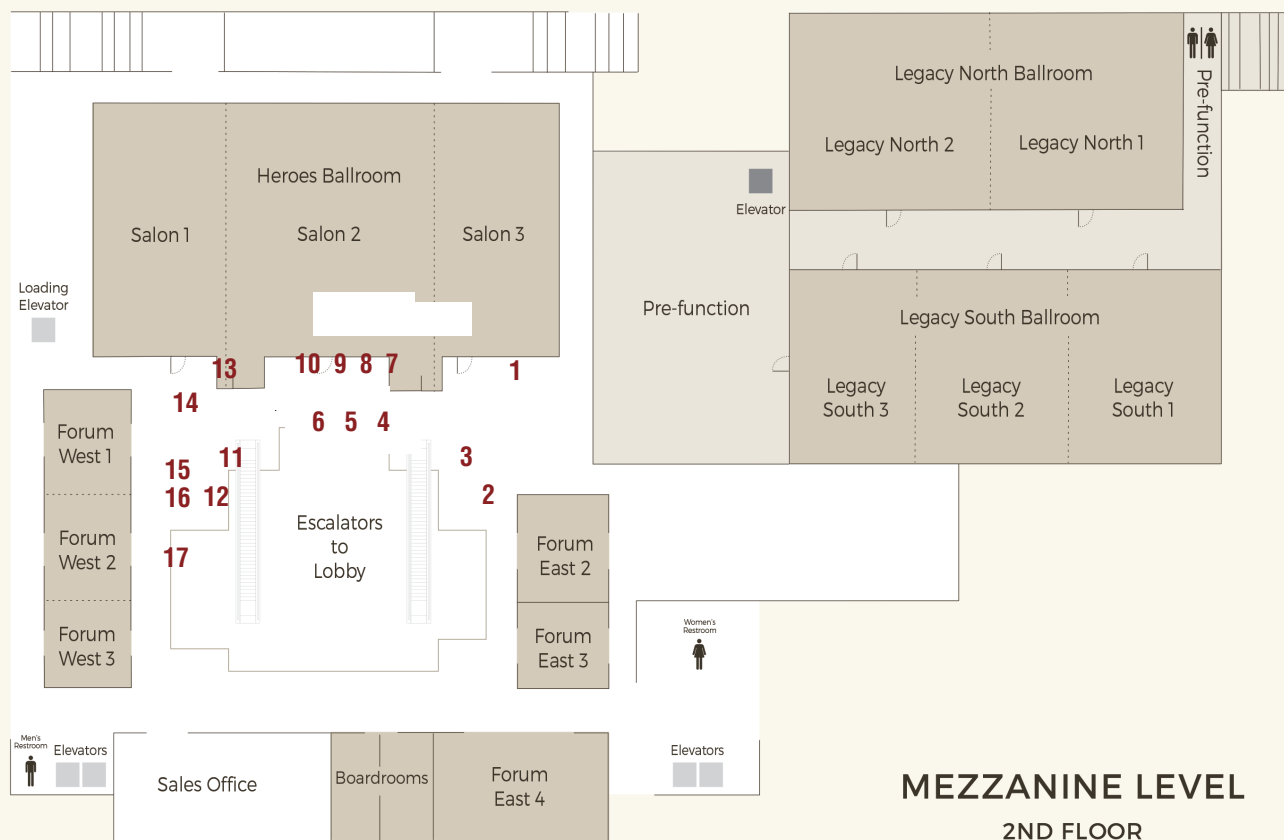
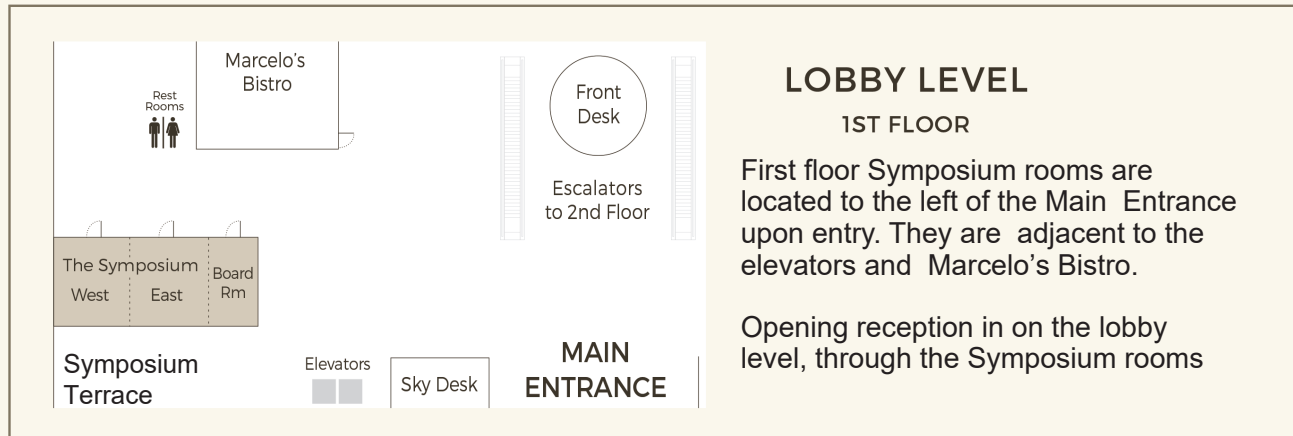
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