



# LITERACY KANSAS CITY SPRING 2011 IN-SERVICE WORKSHOPS

In-Service Workshops are an important part of your Tutor Certification and offer you the opportunity to discuss problems, share ideas, and meet your peers! They are designed to provide you with resources and activities to help you help your student. Join us to learn about teaching techniques, develop strategies to address your student's needs, and contribute to thought-provoking discussions!

Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required.

To reserve your seat, call (816) 333-9332 or e-mail [volunteer@literacykc.org](mailto:volunteer@literacykc.org)

**Comprehension\*** Monday, April 25 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Presenter: Gaylon Umbarger

We'll take an in-depth look at your student's comprehension issues ranging from vocabulary development to critical thinking skills. Adult learners who are having trouble with comprehension may say they can't remember what they read. Often it is not a matter of memory, but rather a sign of poor comprehension. Please bring your tutor handbook to this workshop.

\* This is a required in-service for tutors.

**Open Doors: Acclimating through Education** Tuesday, April 26 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Presenter: Lisa Honn

Our Open Doors students face a particularly unique set of circumstances. This workshop will help you identify those differences, recognize your student's unique needs, and enhance your tutor-student relationship. Literacy Kansas City has assembled a panel of professionals and students who are willing to share their knowledge and life experience. This class is open to all tutors who are interested but will specifically serve those tutoring Open Doors students.

**Teaching Grammar** Tuesday, May 10 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Presenter: Mary Benson

Although research and experience show that our students find it difficult to transfer the rules of grammar to their writing and speech, we can still help them become more aware of the standard forms of the English language. If you're confused about grammar (and how to teach it to your student), this workshop will provide you with some proven techniques for teaching the basic principles of grammar. You'll feel more confident in your teaching skills even if you're not an expert at grammar.

**Responding to Student Writing on the Fly** Thursday, May 12 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Presenter: Casey Reid

Bring a sample student writing to this interactive, round-table workshop. We will focus on responding to student writing using a hierarchy of concerns ranging from content and organization to grammar and mechanics and will take into account the multiple factors involved in responding to writing, including student's reading level and feelings about writing. Tutors are encouraged to bring writing prompts, resources, and ideas they have found to share with the group.

All student work should be presented anonymously and with permission, as the writing will be shared.

**Open Doors: Acclimating through Education** Saturday, May 21 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Presenter: Lisa Honn

**Comprehension\*** Saturday, June 4 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Presenter: Gaylon Umbarger

**Helping Your Student Prepare for the GED** Saturday, June 4 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Presenter: Kelli Kalberer

Your student aspires to complete the GED... and needs your help to get there. At this in-service, tutors will learn about the parameters of the GED test, specific and general test-taking strategies, and confidence-building tips for your adult learner. If you have particular GED questions that you would like to have answered at the in-service, please e-mail them to [kelli.kalberer@mckc.edu](mailto:kelli.kalberer@mckc.edu)

**Graphic Novels and Adult Literacy** Wednesday, June 8 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Presenter: Joey Alfino

Comic books and graphic novels have become such a part of our culture that numerous English and ESL teachers are incorporating them into their curriculum. Literacy Kansas City has investigated the use of graphic novels as a learning tool, and we're excited to offer a new in-service to familiarize you with this engaging, alternative and rewarding medium that can appeal to your student regardless of gender.

**Tests of Adult Basic Education** Saturday, June 25 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Presenter: Mary Abbott, Ph.D.

The Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) are norm-referenced tests designed to measure achievement of basic skills. If you are worried about your student's performance on the TABE and wonder how you can help him or her prepare, this in-service is for you. You will learn instructional techniques that will help your student and information about practice tests and test anxiety.

## Tutor Training Workshop: Upcoming Part III Sessions

Part III of your Tutor Training Workshop is necessary in order for you to become a certified tutor and continue tutoring.

If you have not yet completed this session, please register for one of our upcoming dates:

Mon. & Tues., May 16 & 17 • 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Sat., June 18 • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mon. & Tues., July 25 & 26 • 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.