

## Transforming Lives

### By Meeting the Functional Literacy Needs of Adults in Richardson and the RISD

Richardson Adult Literacy Center

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## March 2010 News

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### **Tutor Notices**

#### **Next in-service training for tutors: tutor roundtable**

March 25, 2010 10:15 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

E-mail [literacy@RALC.org](mailto:literacy@RALC.org) or call the RALC office 972-644-5119 for more information.

#### **Next training for new tutors: May 8, 2010**

Let your friends know about it!

Orientation and instruction will provide them with the tools they need to begin tutoring.

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### **Monthly report**

Please remember to submit your monthly report with your volunteer hours and student updates. They are due by the 10th of the month.

### **RALC Calendar**

March 12-19: office closed, Spring Break

March 16: Board Meeting

April 24: Murder Mystery Fundraiser – check out the attached flyer for more information

### **From the Executive Director, Mimi Tanner**

I would like to share some exciting news with you. We received a letter from State Representative Carol Kent saying that she has nominated us for the Bridge Award for Literacy Advocacy presented by the North Texas Future Fund AND a letter from the North Texas Future Fund saying that we have “been selected as a Community Literacy Provider recipient for the North Texas Future Fund’s 2010 Bridge Awards for Literacy Advocacy.”

The center is only able to provide the services it does because of its outstanding volunteers. Thank you.

*Mimi Tanner*

### **Tip of the Month**

Learning to read and write in a second or third language is challenging; learning to read and write another language than your own with little or no formal education even more. Some of our students' difficulties with sounding out a word might come from never having seen or heard this particular word. Working on your student's vocabulary may help him or her recognize more words and read better.

Some ideas for increasing vocabulary – you may...

use a monolingual/English picture dictionary to introduce new words that the student can relate to;

introduce flashcards with pictures, photos etc. on one side, the vocabulary on the other;

expose your students to the newly introduced words repeatedly, e. g. by using them in various exercises, the "Puzzlemaker" allows you to create many different puzzles fast and easily, check it out (again): <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/>.

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