

LISD Literacy Initiative

2011-2012



Literacy Initiative Facets

🍎 Texas Literacy Initiative

🍎 Summer Reading Challenge

🍎 Literacy committee work



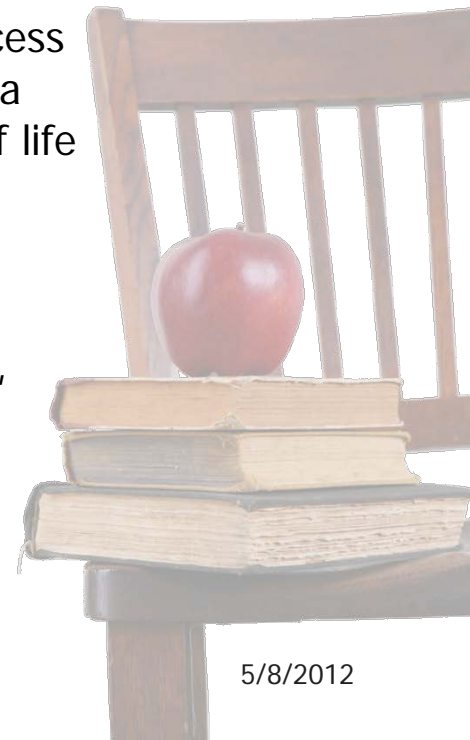
Literacy Initiative--National

One in three adults cannot read this sentence. (National Assessment of Adult Literacy, 2003)

More than 20% of adults read at or below a fifth-grade level—far below the level needed to earn a living wage. (National Institute for Literacy)

As the education level of adults improves, so does their children's success in school. Helping low-literate adults improve their basic skills has a direct and measurable impact on both the education and quality of life of their children. (National Institute for Literacy)

85% of all juveniles who interface with the juvenile court system are functionally illiterate. (National Assessment of Adult Literacy, 2003)



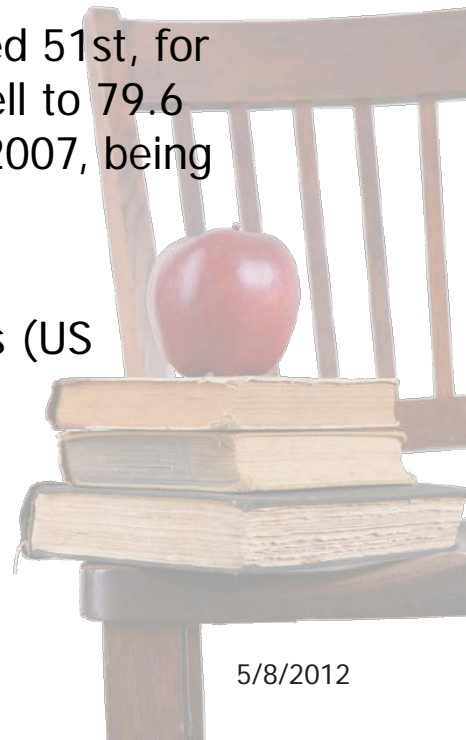
Literacy Initiative--Texas

Texas has one of the nation's greatest literacy needs...24% of Texas' adult population (more than 3 million people) perform at the most basic reading level. (Nat'l Institute for Literacy)

Dropouts cost Texas \$9.6 Billion (United Ways of Texas)

According to the 2008 American Community Survey, Texas ranked 51st, for its proportion of residents with a high school education, which fell to 79.6 percent. Texas dropped one spot in the rankings from 2008 to 2007, being surpassed by Mississippi.

Texas ranks 47 out of 50 states in terms of English literacy levels (US Department of Education).



Literacy Initiative--Lubbock

- 🍏 54,000 adults in Lubbock County are in need of literacy help.
- 🍏 13% of Lubbock County residents are considered illiterate (Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy & Learning).



So what are we doing



Texas Literacy Initiative

🍎 \$1.8 million grant from TEA

🍎 Lubbock Literacy Line

- Birth-age 5 facilities (ECI-DEBT, TTU, etc)
- Bean, Bozeman, Brown, Dupre, Hodges, Parkway, OL Slaton, Dunbar, MHS

🍎 Focus

- Literacy coaches at all levels
- Professional development
- Computer-adaptive intervention pieces
- Content-area reading and writing
- Additional resources



Texas Literacy Initiative

🍏 How does this help all schools?

- District focus on academic vocabulary, literacy in the content areas, primary reading
- Extended professional development
- Additional resources
 - ✓ Project Manager
 - ✓ Literacy Coaches—2 EC, 5 elementary, 2 secondary



Summer Reading Loss

- 🍎 Summer reading loss accounts for at least 80 percent of the reading achievement gap by 9th grade.
- 🍎 Research shows children who read at least four books over the summer maintain or even increase their reading skills.

See articles in the drop box



Got Books?

LISD Summer Reading Challenge

Timeline: June 4, 2012-August 24, 2012

- 🍎 K-2nd grade – 8 books
- 🍎 3rd-12th grades – 5 books
- 🍎 Teacher challenge – 5 books

Complete reading log and turn in the first week of school in August 2012 for t-shirt, certificate, and prizes.

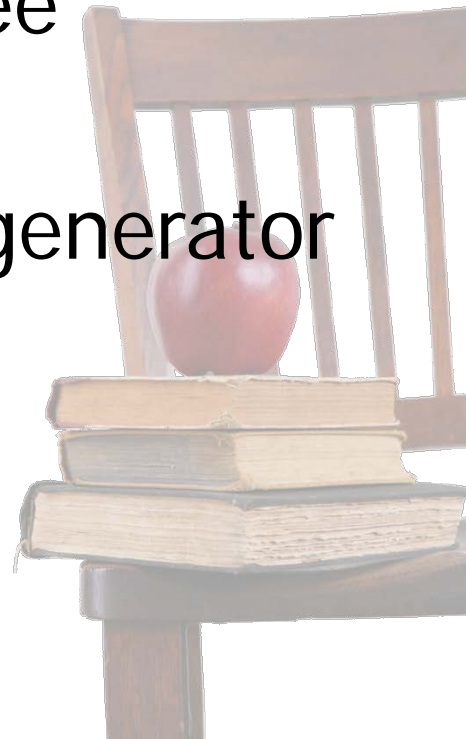
All Title I elementary and middle school campuses will have the libraries open on Tuesdays throughout the summer from 10:00-2:00. Story time and book talks will occur during this time.

Applications have been sent to librarians/clerks.



LISD Literacy Committee

- 🍎 Comprised of all stakeholders
 - Teachers, librarians, administrators, parents, community representatives
- 🍎 Meets monthly with sub-committee meetings in between
- 🍎 Serve as a sounding board, idea generator



2011-2012

- Literacy commitments
- Grade-level standards
- Recommendations for beginning-of-the-year jump start
- Summer professional development



Commitments

Audience:

K-12th grade teachers

All content areas

Purpose:

Identify common best practice

Provide common vocabulary



Pre-K and Kinder Standards

Standards set for the end of the year

Will extend through 5th grade

Measurable



Looking Ahead

🍏 2012-2013

- Recommendations for time at elementary
- Writing and reading standards
- Writing portfolios (trial campuses)
- Professional Development



Literacy is not a luxury, it is a right and a responsibility. If our world is to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century, we must harness the energy and creativity of all our citizens.

President Clinton
International Literacy Day
September 8, 1994

