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JACKSONVILLE LITERACY NEWS

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Cherokee County, Texas

Since 1992

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We're on the Web
www.jlc-tx.org

It's Sad.....But True

Illiteracy Statistics

42 million American adults can't read at all.

50 million are unable to read at a higher level than is expected of a fourth or fifth grader.

The number of adults that are classified as functionally illiterate increases by about 2.25 million each year.

More than 60 percent of all prison inmates are functionally illiterate.



Reading is a Right!

According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, literacy is defined as "using printed and written information to function in society and achieve one's goals."

Where Illiteracy Leads

70 percent of prisoners in state and federal systems can be classified as illiterate .

85 percent of all juvenile offenders are functionally or marginally illiterate.

43 percent of those whose literacy skills are lowest live in poverty.

Source: National Institute for Literacy

**YOU ARE INVITED
to the JLC**

ANNUAL MEETING

**6:30 PM Thursday
September 17, 2009**

Sadler's Restaurant

**Teachers and tutors
will be honored.**

**Program Speaker
Dr. Joe Wardell
Superintendent JISD**

**Special Guest
Rep. Chuck Hopson**

**Entertainment
Good Food**

**Tickets available \$15
Call 903 586-6125
to make reservations.**

The Jacksonville Literacy Council Makes a Difference

The Jacksonville Literacy Council (JLC) was formed in 1992 to meet the educational needs of the community that had been identified by a study group appointed by the City Public Library. Only 50% of the population in Cherokee County has earned a high school diploma or GED. Many residents need to learn English as a second language in order to assimilate productively into the community. Thanks to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers and the generous donations of multiple benefactors, over 100 people each week are being provided literacy training through the JLC. The program is steadily growing every year, and there is still much to be do.

Eating at Chili's with attached JLC coupons on Aug 17 & 31 will benefit Literacy.

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Literacy Students
Earn G.E.D.S

Thanks to her JLC tutor, Fourth Grader Vanessa passed the U.S. Citizenship exam. She was asked to lead her class Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag at her USA naturalization ceremony.



JLC tutoring makes graduation possible for many.

JLC Student Success Stories

Little Jacksonville fourth grade student, Vanessa, was asked to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag for her large U.S. Citizenship group at their naturalization ceremony. Her mother beamed with pride on that special occasion, and so have the Jacksonville Literacy Council tutors who helped Vanessa study to pass her citizenship exam. In addition, her mom passed one section of the G.E.D., thanks to her study in classes at the Literacy Council. Mom is studying hard to take the rest of the GED exam.

Leonel studied in a JLC English as a Second Language (ESL) class and passed the G.E.D. exam with help from JLC teachers. He enrolled in college and passed his Freshman English course.

JISD dropout, Chasidy, came to the JLC and quickly caught up enough on her studies to pass her G.E.D. exam. Over 14 school dropouts who have been ordered by the Justice of the Peace Court to complete their education are studying in JLC classes to meet their requirements.

JLC Teachers and Tutors Make a Difference in People's Lives

Chili's Grill & Bar Supports Jacksonville Literacy

As their contribution to community betterment, Chili's Grill & Bar is donating 10% of guest check receipts to the Jacksonville Literacy Council for all diners who present the attached JLC coupons on Mondays, August 17 and August 31, from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Make copies of the JLC chili's coupons and give them to anyone who enjoys good food and helping a great cause.

JLC Honorariums and Memorials

The Literacy Council is a non-profit, tax exempt charity that is supported entirely by private donations, gifts from philanthropic foundations, grants from corporations, and the Jacksonville United Way Fund. The literacy needs of the community are great and the JLC makes good use of resources.

You may make contributions to the JLC by using the attached remittance envelope to honor the life or memory of someone by helping improve lives through literacy programs.

You may also send contributions using the PayPal Donation button on the Jacksonville Literacy Council website at: **www.jlc-tx.org**

Thanks For Helping A Worthy Cause Where We Live

JLC Learning Opportunities

BASIC LITERACY and LIVING SKILLS

2:00 PM	Monday	Lon Morris College classroom
9:00 AM	Wednesday	Literacy Council classroom
3:00 PM	Thursday	Literacy Council classroom

G. E. D.

10:30 AM	Tuesday	Jacksonville College classroom
6:30 PM	Tuesday	Literacy Council classroom
4:00 PM	Wednesday	Literacy Council classroom

ENGLISH as a SECOND LANGUAGE

2:00 PM	Sunday	Our lady of Sorrows Catholic classrooms
1:30 PM	Monday	Beginning ESL, Literacy Council classroom
2:30 PM	Monday	Intermediate ESL, Literacy Council classroom
4:00 PM	Monday	Advanced ESL, Literacy Council classroom
9:00 AM	Tuesday	Literacy Council classroom
6:00 PM	Wednesday	Literacy Council classroom
10:00 AM	Thursday	Literacy Council classroom
4:00 PM	Thursday	Literacy Council classroom

U. S. CITIZENSHIP

3:00-6:00 PM Tuesday -- Jacksonville College classroom

TUTORING - Daily

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