

Day Long Luncheon Session Description

8:00 AM COFFEE HOUR WITH LITERACY KC

Literacy KC CEO Gillian Helm joins an expert panel on the importance of adult basic education, workforce development, and collaborative partnerships. Learn more on how to be involved in a community effort to provide opportunity for the 225,000 adults in KC that read below an eight grade level. Panelists include: Pete Browne, Kissick Construction, Dr. Tyjaun Lee, MCC-Penn Valley, Steve Potter, Mid-Continent Public Library, Melissa Robinson, Councilwoman 3rd District Facilitated by Claire Bishop, American Public Square and Literacy KC Vice President of Board of Directors

9:00 AM STORYTIME WITH MAYOR LUCAS

Join Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Quinton Lucas as he reads aloud his favorite children's book. This session will include a short interview with Mayor Lucas and a Literacy KC student and will be fun for the whole family!

10:00 AM NAVIGATING THE WORLD AS A LOW LITERATE ADULT

Read a lease agreement? No problem. Understand prescription directions? Got it. Pay a parking ticket? Sure. Not so in the life of a person with low literacy. Join Autumn Burton and Karen Coccioli for an informative, interactive program designed for you to "experience" what over a quarter of a million low literate persons in Kansas City are challenged with every day.

11:15 AM LET'S READ WITH INA

Let's Read, Literacy KC's family reading program, is a multi-generational approach to family reading. Built to inspire a tradition of reading in the home, Let's Read will offer an action packed session for caregivers and children to laugh, read, and play together.

12:00 PM LUNCH WITH LITERACY KC: STUDENT SHOWCASE Featuring TechN9ne and Makzilla

Join us for our annual Literacy for All Luncheon Student Showcase with a virtual twist! Guests will hear from Literacy KC students as they share their experiences at Literacy KC, and participate in an interactive low literacy simulation. Don't miss this uplifting hour!

1:30 PM ENTRY TO ENGLISH SPOTLIGHT WITH KYLEY AND INA

Join our English Language Learning simulation and experience the first day of school as a new Entry to English student. The excitement and nerves of a normal first day are amplified as you navigate a new language, cultural norms, and meet your classmates from all over the world. Led by our Entry to English Instructors, learn how Literacy KC supports and prepares our diverse community members by breaking down the language barrier so that they can be successful outside the classroom.



2:30 PM CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Creative writing is its own kind of literacy. In this workshop we will explore the connections between two types of reading: learning to make meaning out of letters and words, and learning to read a poem. For different people, one or both of these might feel like a plunge into the unknown. Participants are asked to bring something visual to the workshop—a photograph, an object, or an image for a creative writing exercise. The workshop will end with a collaborative poem, where we'll work together to make meaning out of a shared image. Consider coming, even if you feel poetry isn't your thing. The workshop is intended for the non-expert.

4:00 PM HAPPY HOUR

Grab your favorite cocktail or beverage and join us for an inspiring hour featuring Literacy KC students. Guests will hear directly from students about their journey with Literacy KC, enjoy an interactive activity to better understand low literacy, and learn how to join our community wide movement in support of our low literate neighbors.

5:30 PM STORYTIME WITH DALE KLOSE

Join PNC Bank's Kanas City Regional President and Literacy KC friend Dale Klose as he reads his favorites, *One Hungry Monster*. Fun for the whole family, Dale will also share why literacy is important to him. Get ready to see what kind of crazy chaos all those monsters get up to in this fun filled session!

7:00 PM GAME NIGHT

Think you've got what it takes to be a champion? Literacy KC will host a virtual trivia challenge. Bring a team of 4-8 players who are

looking for a night of fun and entertainment from the comfort of everyone's home. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team, as well as a grand prize to the ultimate champion! Cost is \$25.

8:15 PM STORYTIME WITH TAYE DIGGS

Get ready for bedtime with award winning actor and author Taye Diggs and KC based Illustrator Shane W. Evans for a celebrity story time featuring their books, *Chocolate Me*, *Mixed Me*, and *I Love You More Than*. Diggs and Evans's books garner international acclaim and celebrate the importance of representation, diversity and inclusion. Grab your family and get ready for the perfect end to your day!

8:45 PM NIGHTCAP & TOAST

As we wind down the night, we'd love for you to join us as we take one more opportunity to showcase the amazing work from one of our students. Grab your favorite drink for a toast as we listen to a student story and celebrate the end of our virtual luncheon.

