#### COMMUNITY UPDATE: READ 5/27-5/29

### THE SOUTH TEXAS LITERACY COALITION CONTINUES TO HOST AT-HOME VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

#### **DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING SUMMER BREAK**

These are virtual activities for students and families to take part in during summer break and continued social distancing requirements.

This following activities are scheduled this week:

- · Wednesday, May 27th at 12pm Live Read Along with Author Laura J. Numeroff
- Thursday, May 28th at 12pm FB Live: Como Mantener a la Familia Fisicamente Activa
- · Friday, May 29th at 12pm FB Live: Kids in the Kitchen

The virtual activities will be broadcast through Facebook Live and provide great learning opportunities for the entire family, while helping to maintain social distancing guidelines.

Students and families can tune on Facbeook at: www.facebook.com/southtexasliteracycoalition And follow for updates to Live Read Alongs with local authors, Health Literacy Webinars and other virtual videos and educational resources available for children, students and families.

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#### COMMUNITY UPDATE: READ 5/14-5/15

#### <u>Deadline Approaching for Southern Careers Institute</u> <u>Students Looking to Apply for CARES Act Need-Based</u> <u>Grants</u>

Students at Southern Careers Institute (SCI) Rio Grande Valley campuses have until this Friday, May 15 to apply for federal grant money to help with their education and other essentials such as food and housing. The school received a total of \$6,305,240 from the CARES Act. Half of the funds are being distributed through need-based grants to students facing economic hardship so they can continue focusing on their education while maintaining safe social distancing protocols. SCI will use some of the remaining funds to improve online and distance learning functionality. Any money not used will be returned to the government so it can be reassigned to help other schools and students who are impacted.

SCI students can apply for the CARES grant money by filling out an application by May 15.

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#### COMMUNITY UPDATE: READ 5/14-5/30

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The South Texas Literacy Coalition (STLC) continues to host fun and educational literacy virtual activities for students and families to take part in during a time of school closures and social distancing requirements.

The following activities are scheduled:

- Friday, May 15th at 12pm Kids in the Kitchen (Do not read AFTER 5/14)
- Online Financial Literacy Courses Participants eligible for gift-card (2) give away Access

Live Read Alongs with local authors, Health Literacy Webinars and other virtual videos and educational resources available for children, students and families

The webinar will be broadcast through Facebook Live and provides great learning opportunities for the entire family, while helping to avoid "coranvirus cabin fever." Students and families can tune in on facebook search under South Texas Literacy Coalition

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# WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS = 5/20-5/31

Looking to see what jobs are currently available in the RGV? Follow RGV Operation Get Hired on Facebook @RGVOP – This page is run by Workforce Solutions and will have more information about jobs available and any virtual job fairs coming up.

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#### COMMUNITY UPDATE: READ 5/13-6/30

UTRGV has announced an innovative <u>Fall/Spring Relief Package</u>, which through a combination of CARES Act funds and university funds, will provide eligible students with up to \$1,500 in financial assistance during the 2020-21 academic year.

Recognizing the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on campus operations, starting this fall:

- All enrolled eligible students will be awarded a \$500 CARES cash grant they can use to defray expenses they may have incurred while attending school during the pandemic (e.g., rent, food, course materials, etc.).
- In addition, UTRGV will match that \$500 cash grant with up to \$500 in tuition balance relief for eligible students.
- Newly enrolled freshmen who graduated from high school in or after May 2020 will receive the \$500 tuition balance relief from UTRGV (same restrictions apply) and a free Zone 1 parking pass.

#### And, starting next spring:

- All enrolled eligible students will be awarded a \$250 CARES cash grant they can use to defray expenses they may have incurred while attending school during the pandemic (e.g., rent, food, course materials, etc.).
- In addition, UTRGV will match that \$250 cash grant with up to \$250 in tuition balance relief for eligible students.
- Newly enrolled freshmen who graduated from high school in or after May 2020 will also receive the \$250 tuition balance relief from UTRGV (same restrictions apply) and a free Zone 1 parking pass.

More information on the Fall/Spring Relief Package visit UTRGV. EDU

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#### Virtual Job Fair (5/20-5/21

Tomorrow Thursday May 21 from 2-3pm via Zoom You must register to be a part of the job fair, to find out how, visit the Workforce Solutions page on Facebook.

Employers hiring include: FPS Staffing, Lowe's, Red Robin, Sames Inc (construction), The Lakes Family Dental, Valley Aids Council and TTEC (Call Center)

#### Workforce solutions

Phone number to contact - 956-687-1121

Website: wfsolutions.org,

Facebook: /WFSolutions and /RGVOP

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#### COMMUNITY UPDATE: READ 6/15-6/30 Read 7/1-7/30

## Grab & Go Summer Meals at McAllen Public Library

McAllen Public Library invites the public to pick up a Grab & Go meal bundle as part of its Summer Feeding Program, a partnership with McAllen Independent School District and the Texas Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Program, which aims to provide meals to children and teens in the most underserved communities across the city.

Starting June 15, families can pick up at the entrance of the McAllen Public Library, 4001 N.  $23^{rd}$  St., a meal bundle of breakfast, lunch, and a healthy snack for any child and teen 18 years of age and under. The program will run until July 31. Youth can enjoy their meals in the library lobby or take the bundles home.

For more information, please call the library at (956) 681-3000.

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