

Literature, Literacy and Language Arts SIG

TESOL Arabia

SIG Goals:

1. To provide a wider audience of TESOL Arabia members who are concerned specifically with literature (e.g. stories, novels, poetry, drama) with a well established praxis for using written literary materials for EFL/ESL learners.
2. To maintain an awareness of written and non written materials for EFL/ESL children and adults' literature by raising their consciousness of the role of literature in teaching English for EFL& ESL through constructing, reconstructing and deconstructing literature and literacy materials.
3. To relate literature and literacy practices by bringing into the image the value of six language arts components (reading, writing, listening, speaking, visualization and visual presentation) which could be taught meaningfully to EFL/ESL learners through authentic literary materials.
4. To provide a channel to the TESOL Arabia members for communicating varying viewpoints concerning the role of literary genres (e.g. classical fiction, modern fantasy, poetry, realistic fiction, drama, information, biographies) in addition to literacy and language arts through sophisticated creative literacy written materials in English and Arabic literature.
5. To provide some training sessions, workshops, forums, symposiums, conferences for EFL/ESL teachers in the UAE and to make some publications through TESOL Arabia publication which could include articles, monographs, books, reviews, and research related to the use of literature in EFL/ESL settings.
6. To provide Tesol members with the latest international, regional or national news, events, presentations, institutes, conferences or activities related to: literature, literacy, languages arts, technology and media.

Events and Activities:

1-(October/November):

A conference in Sharja in co-operation with Sharja chapter.
(Mona. S.)

Venue: AUS

2- (February):

A conference in Abu Dhabi in co-operation with Ahmad
Sadawy.

Venue: TBD