



**N E W S** El Camino College Compton Center  
Public Relations Department | 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90506  
Tel: 310-660-3406 | Fx: 310-660-3946 | Contact: Ann M. Garten | agarten@elcamino.edu

**For Immediate Release**  
**Copy by Helene Ansel**

**May 26, 2009**

**Old Textbooks are Turning Green**  
**At El Camino College Compton Center**

El Camino College Compton Center students want to recycle outdated textbooks and improve literacy at the same time. The Tartar Speech Club, with Compton Center's professor of Communication Studies, Ella Stewart, who serves as the club's advisor, have found a way to do just that.

You can donate your unwanted college-level books published within the past 10 years or any book used in a college class, even those with highlighting and writing in them, to the club's book drive. The Compton Center Tartar Speech Club has partnered with Better World Books ([betterworldbooks.com](http://betterworldbooks.com)) to host a book drive to benefit *Books for Africa* ([www.booksforafrica.org](http://www.booksforafrica.org)) and ask for your support. The books will be sold online to create ongoing contributions for *Books for Africa* or sent directly to Africa. Any books not sold will be recycled.

Luis Rosales, president of the Tartar Speech Club, encourages everyone to help spread the word about the project. Joining their effort helps to promote literacy in Africa and stewardship of our environment by diverting as many books as possible from landfills. Large green and orange collection boxes are located in front of the Compton Center bookstore and the library. They will remain on campus until July 31.

Ella Stewart says: "Although it took a lot of time and effort to get this project off the ground, it is now taking on a life of its own, thanks to a few very committed students. Tarah Lewis, a student in my evening speech class, has contributed over 250 books to our drive. Club members are already preparing to box these books for shipment."

For information, contact Ella Stewart, at [estewart@elcamino.edu](mailto:estewart@elcamino.edu).

El Camino College Compton Center is accredited and serving the educational needs of our community. Students can earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year university or receive career training. Fees are only \$20 per unit. The college catalog, class schedule, evening and weekend college offerings are available in-person or online at [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu). Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA; 310-900-1600.

# # #