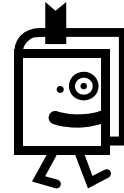


Literacy News



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Welcome to a New Year with the Literacy Program.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication. This program would not be possible without our wonderful tutors and students. Please know that you are all making a positive difference in the world.



Unfortunately, the Secretary of State's Office, who provides our funding, cannot see all the great things you are doing unless we show them. Please continue to send in your quarterly reports so we can prove what a great program we have.

The New Year is such an exciting time and I look forward to working with all of you.



Friday Night at the Movies

Please join us for our new series "Movies That Were Books." Our first meeting will be January 26 in room B284, from 6-8:00p.m. Our first movie/book will be "Jaws."

This series is intended to function as a movie group, a book club, and just a time to get together and eat pizza.

One movie/book will be covered over two months. At the first month's meeting, we will watch the movie. Anyone interested can also receive a copy of the book. At the next month's meeting, we will discuss the book.

Student/tutor pairs and groups are encouraged to come to movie night together and read the book together over the coming month.

Our second meeting for "Jaws" will be Friday, March 2 in B284, from 6:00-8:00p.m.

Please come and enjoy the food and the movie. It also gives you the opportunity to meet some of your fellow tutors and students! Please call Megan at 708-974-5331 or email at hughesm58@morainevalley.edu if interested.



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Conference Opportunity

The Literacy Volunteers of Illinois and the UIC Center for Literacy will be holding their annual state conference "Stepping into the Future" on February 8 and 9.

The conference is geared towards the needs of coordinators and volunteers. There are workshops throughout the day and attendees can choose to attend both days or choose one.

Please let Megan know if you would like to attend. The program will cover the fee. RSVP to 708-974-5331 or email hughesm58@morainevalley.edu

More information can be found at www.lvillinois.org

The courses are free and can be completed at your convenience. A certificate of completion is generated at the end of the course.

Please let us know if you decide to try any of these courses. We would be interested in hearing what you think of them.

These courses can also count as tutor training for the program as well as meeting your workshop requirements. Please send us a copy of your certificate at the end of the course.

You can access their website at <http://www.literacycampus.org/course/index.asp>



Do You Have a Great Student or Tutor?

The office of the Secretary of State is presenting its annual **Spotlight on Achievement and Spotlight on Service awards**. These awards recognize outstanding tutors and students.

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Megan at 708-974-5331

Events for January-March

January 26

Friday Night at the Movies

Join us to watch the movie "Jaws" and eat pizza. Pick up the book and read for next month's discussion.

February 8 and 9

"Stepping into the Future" Annual Conference

LVI and UIC

Workshops that would be of interest to coordinators and volunteers are available at this conference.

March 2

Friday Night at the Movies

Students and tutors will come back together to discuss the book "Jaws" and (of course) eat pizza.

March 7-9

IACEA Annual Conference Springfield

Megan will be presenting at the conference on the 8th. Wish her luck!

March 21

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Final Tutor Training for New Fall Tutors

This is the fourth and final tutor training session for the new tutors. All tutors are welcome to attend. More information will be coming soon.

Late March

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There will be one additional workshop at the end of March. More details will be announced at a later date.

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!!!

THE ADULT LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

The Adult Learning Resource Center is an excellent resource for tutors who would like to learn more about adult education. They offer courses in adult literacy, English as a Second Language, and a variety of other subjects.

You can visit their website at www.thecenterweb.org. Please let us know if you are interested in taking any of the courses. We would be more than happy to pay for you to attend.

The center also offers classes for people interested in teaching ESL students. Check the website or call Megan for more information.

New Resource Library for Tutors!

The Moraine Valley Community College Library has been kind enough to donate shelf space as a resource for our tutors.

The books include information on learning disabilities, teaching strategies, and fun ideas for interesting lessons. They are located in the reference section of the library. A sign-out sheet is available near the shelf. No library card is required to borrow these books. Tutors will be able to

access this area during library hours.

If you would like a guide to help you find these books, contact Megan at 708-974-5331.



You Will be Seeing More Of Me!

Beginning this spring I will begin visiting students and tutors during your sessions. This will be your opportunity to ask me questions, let me know if you have any problems, and let us just get to know each other.

I will be calling all of you to see what would be the best time for a visit. It will be great to get to know all of you better!



Students and Tutors Please Call Me!

I am always interested in how everything is going. If you need new materials, would like some suggestions for new ideas, or would just like to chat, please call or email me anytime. I would love to talk to you.

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Look For Us This Spring!

Let us know what you think of the newsletter or anything else. Many of you never get the opportunity to meet other tutors and students in the program, so hopefully this will give us a way to keep in touch and up to date with each other.

Please send any contributions, thoughts, or ideas to Megan at 708-974-5331 or email at hughesm58@morainevalley.edu. I hope you find this newsletter informative and share it with each other. Thanks for reading!



Student Page

Welcome to the Literacy Program Student Page!!

This is a new addition to the newsletter. This is an open space for students to express themselves.

A special thank you goes to Matt Knapp for his hard work and assistance with the development of this page. If you are interested in contributing to this page, please contact Megan at 708-974-5331.

My First Baby

by Brenda F.

I remember when I had my first baby. I wanted it to be a boy. After I found out it was a boy I was very happy. His father wanted it to be a girl. He came to the hospital. The nurse asked him do you want to hold the baby and he said yes. Then he began to cry. Me and the baby had to stay in the hospital for 6 days. He was born at 9 months. He weighed 7lbs. and 7oz. He was born in the same month of my birthday. I called him my birthday present.

Television Review

by Matt Knapp



I am going to review a T.V. medical show called "House." The show is about a doctor named Gregory House. House is played by British actor Hough Lorrie. I do not usually watch T.V. medical shows but after seeing the promos for the show I liked the doctor. He says and does what he wants and no feelings are spared, but his talents more than make up for this.

Lydia Healthcare by Rodney D.

Hi, my name is Rodney D. and I'm writing about Lydia Healthcare Center. The nursing home that I stay in is a very nice facility to stay in for short term help. Here at Lydia Health Care Center the staff is very nice and caring they also take time out to do the best to help the residents with day to day problems. Also their staff is so nice that they put 100% effort in their work and take time out for each individual so they get one on one care and the treatment that they need. For the ending of the essay I think Mr. Chip the man that runs the nursing home is a nice and caring man who cares about the residents.

Coming to Class by Andrew S.

I like coming to class. Since I have been coming I have been doing better in reading and writing. I am never late for class. When I am driving to class I am always very happy.

All About Me by Richard L.

I like to play baseball, pool, video games and I like to read. I have been with the Literacy program for 6 years. My reading is much better and my math also. I've been at Burger King for 10 years working 5 days a week now. I like my job.

The Important Things in Life by Edward M.

One of the important new things that I am doing in my life is studying for the GED. My eyes were opened to the fact that I can learn to read. So I'm going to stay with it and slowly learn more and more. I was doing math but first had to learn my times tables. It took me some time for that but I did learn them. I studied very hard to learn about many things.

When I Was a Young Girl

by Pearlie Buchanan

When I was a young girl growing up in Arkansas, I worked at a restaurant. I did not work in a uniform; I worked in my regular clothes. I served all meals because I worked all day. I had to wash dishes, help cook, serve, clean the tables, and do many other jobs at the restaurant.

In those days restaurants were divided. I served black and white people. I got paid about five or six dollars a week. The restaurant that I worked at was divided. It had two doors, a back door and a front door. The white people were served in the front and the blacks were served in the back. There was one toilet for the employee only.

The name of the restaurant was 'Hicks Café'. They served three meals a day. I remember when I made cornbread. Everyone enjoyed it. I was told I made the best cornbread.

Rum Balls Recipe

by Doreen J.

Ingredients:

6 ounce package of semisweet chocolate pieces

2 tablespoons of butter

1 egg

1 cup sifted powdered sugar

½ tsp. vanilla

Dash of salt

½ cup flaked coconut

½ cup chopped peanuts

Rum

Directions:

Melt chocolate pieces and butter over low heat

Let mixture cool

Beat egg and add powdered sugar, vanilla, rum, and salt

Mix together

Stir in coconut and peanuts

Chill for 1 hour

Form 1 inch balls

Roll in coconut flakes

Place on baking sheet and chill for about 3 hours or until firm

Thank you again
for all your input!



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