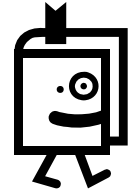


·  
·  
·

# Literacy News



---

November-January, 2007-08  
Volume 4, Issue 7

---

## Inside this Issue

- 1 New Readers for New Life State-Wide Conference and Thank You
- 2 New Tutors, Book Club, Workshops, and Congratulations
- 3 More Workshops, Events, and Book Sale
- 4 School Closings and Student Page Information

## New Readers for New Life State-Wide Conference a Success!

Over 50 people attended the New Readers for New Life State Conference in Galesburg, Illinois. The Moraine Valley Community College students are the President, Robert Dowling, Vice-President, Tom Johnson, and Secretary, Mary Madden.

The conference provided workshops for students from around the state. Workshop subjects included quilting, self-esteem, motivation, internet service, tape measurements and rulers, health literacy, and book club.

The students also participated in “home base” discussions. These discussions are private, safe places where students can discuss their struggles and successes with literacy.

Thank you Carl Sandburg College for hosting the conference!

Thank You to Everyone for a Wonderful Year!

We here at Moraine Valley would like to say thank you to all the wonderful students and tutors who make this program great. Your efforts and continued work are inspiring.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with all of you and I’m sure next year will be even better.

We hope that all of you have a happy and healthy holiday season!



Moraine Valley Community College  
Literacy Program  
9000 W. College Pkwy.  
Palos Hills, IL 60465-0937

Pro-Literacy  
Worldwide Conference

On November 8<sup>th</sup> Megan presented a workshop in Washington D.C. Everything went very well and we learned a lot at this fascinating conference.

**Join us on January 12<sup>th</sup>  
from 10-12 for a  
Student/Tutor Success  
Workshop**

Meet with fellow students and tutors to discuss successful strategies. Student/tutor pairs with recent successes will be featured and available for questions.

Please RSVP to Megan at 974-5331

**Join the Advisory Council**

We are starting an Advisory Council for the Literacy Program made up of students and tutors. The Council will assist Megan with new ideas for the program, fundraising, and program improvement. Your help is needed and the time commitment will be minimal!

Please call Megan at 974-5331 if interested and thank you!

**Welcome to our  
New Tutors!**

***The following tutors  
completed their  
training in October***

***Jodi Prout***

***Barry Finkelstein***

***Edward Schmitt***

***Margaret Roberts***

***Carol Stankus***

***Joan Beary***

***Cathie Ference***

***Tiffany Reynolds***

***Sandra Rennie***

***Thank you and  
welcome!***

**Workshops for Students**

Robert Dowling will be hosting an internet basics workshop for students on February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00-2:00. Robert, also a student, has presented many computer workshops in the past and is a great person to learn from. Everyone will learn how to open a free email account!

Please call Megan at 974-5331 if you would like to attend.



**BOOK CLUB RETURNS!**

Our book club, "Friday Night at the Movies" returns January 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Students and tutors will receive a copy of the book and an unabridged CD. We will read the book and then watch the movie. As usual, refreshments will be served!



**Congratulations to  
Humberto and Peg!**

Humberto and Peg have been working together for almost two years. Humberto has improved so much he will begin working towards his GED in the coming year.

Great work guys!

# Winter Tutor Training

The winter new tutor training dates are January 15, 22 and 29 from 9-3.

We are always in need of new tutors, so if you have friends or family you think may be interested tell them to give us a call! 708-974-5331



## Grant Information and Quarterly Reports

Thanks to all your hard work, our grant from the Secretary of State has been renewed.

Our funding is based on our student hours and tests. Your continued effort to complete your quarterly reports keeps this program going. Thanks in advance for all your work.



# Feeling Stressed?

Students and tutors are welcome to join us for our stress management workshop on January 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Attendees will learn stress management techniques.

Everyone will receive a free book and refreshments will be served!



RSVP to Megan at 974-5331.

# The Book Sale is Back!

The Moraine Valley Literacy Program's Student Group will be sponsoring a fundraising book sale. We will start collecting book donations for the sale at the beginning of February. All proceeds from the sale will go to pay for student's registrations for conferences and other student events sponsored by the group.

We will need volunteers to help man the tables on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be made available closer to the date of the sale.



# Events for December-February

**January 15, 22, and 29 Winter New Tutor Training 9-3**

**January 12 Tutor/Student Success Workshop 10-12**

Meet with your fellow tutors and students to share your favorite lessons, tips, problems, and ideas.

**January 12 Advisory Council Meeting 12-12:30**

Students and tutors are welcome to attend this first meeting of the literacy advisory council

**January 12 Stress Management Workshop 12:30-2:30**

Workshop for students and tutors regarding stress management. A breakout student group will meet. Free books and refreshments provided.

**January 18 and February 22 Friday Night at the Movies 6-8**

We will be reading "To Kill a Mockingbird." We will introduce the book in January and watch the movie in February.

**February 2 10-12 Internet Basics**

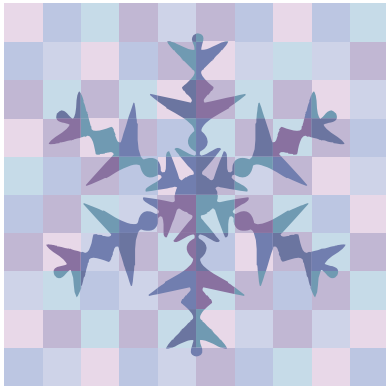
Robert, our student group president, will be presenting this workshop for students. He will also be introducing the MVCC student group.

**February 21 and 22 Book Sale**

The student group will be holding a book sale here at MVCC.

### School Closings

Students and tutors, who meet on the Moraine Valley Campus, please check the following resources for information on school closings during inclement weather:



Radio-WGN (720 AM) and WBBM (780 AM),

Television-WBBM-2, WMAQ-5, WLS-7, WGN-9, WFLD-32, and Chicagoland television-CLTV Cable

Website- [www.emergencyclosings.com](http://www.emergencyclosings.com)

Phone: 847-238-1234 and 708-974-4300.

If the weather looks bad, please check these resources to see if our campus is open.

**The Student Page**  
**The Student Page will return in February. Please send in your writings or those of your students. The contributions so far have been wonderful and I've received many compliments from people who enjoy reading the page.**



### Look For Us This February!

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

"This project was made possible by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library (ISL), a division of the Office of Secretary of State, using state funds designated for literacy."