

Reader to Reader



SPRING/SUMMER 2009

PALM BEACH COUNTY LIBRARY ADULT LITERACY PROJECT

TRANSITIONS

It's a fact that people being laid off from their jobs is all too common today, and none of us wants to see our students go through the devastating experience of losing their jobs. Supporting our students through such a time is challenging for both student and tutor, but it can also present an opportunity for us to help our students through a possible career change.

When my student was laid off from his construction job of more than twenty years, despite his determined efforts, he was unable to find another job in his field. After several weeks of unsuccessful job hunting and much discussion, he made the decision to broaden his options by getting a Commercial Drivers License (CDL). Of course this meant work for both of us as CDL study books became our texts. Over the next several weeks, we worked together on preparing for the written exams – which, by the way, were passed with flying colors. With permit in hand, he then went to a driving school to complete the road test, and today he has his Class B CDL.

Not only was this a wonderful sharing experience for both of us, but having completed this goal, he qualified for and was the recipient of a \$100 check from the Library Literacy Friends Career Goal Award Program.

Encourage your students to participate in this worthwhile program.

Carol Weyhe

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our fall and winter calendar was packed with opportunities and our students took full advantage of them all. Spring is here and summer is on its way. Our programs are very timely with today's economy; Get That Job Series (filling out job applications on-line, improving one's interviewing skills, and how to use our community resources). The Adult Learner Book Club will be reviewing The Red Badge of Courage in May. We are also offering our tutors a special class in teaching basic writing skills.

We are busy planning our June Student and Tutor Appreciation Program. Watch for your invitation and make plans to join us. Let's celebrate together.

Kay Rosenberg, President
Library Literacy Friends, Inc.



In these very difficult times, thank you for taking action, investing in your community, and changing someone's life for the better. Your generosity of spirit enriches our lives.

Kathleen, Norma
Claire, April





Welcome New Tutors



Jackie	Betty	Francis John	Nugan
Louis	Beauvais	Jeff	Offerman
Peter	Buxton	Janna	Orensky
Jane	Crisci	Barbara	Platia
Vicki	Digiacommo	Jerome	Post
John	Doctor	Peter	Reyes
Willa	Dunn-Williams	Maida	Remmer
Louise	Finkel	Jessica	Rutter
Melanie	Gilliland	Rivalee	Sarison
Chris	Hamilton	Larry	Scharff
Libby	Hurlich	Donna	Scocozza
Gail	Katz	Peter	Scarlato
Helen	Kirby	Carol	Shapiro
Laxmi	Laxman	Lenny	Silverberg
Gilbert	Lewis	Rita	Silverman-Keshner
Debbie	Liddle	Harvey	Sovelove
Fitzgerald	Limontas	Jackie	Sprague
Jean	Limontas	Susan	Stein
Phyllis	Manover	Renata	Stier
Juan	Martinez	Donna	Towns
Hercule	Merceron	Diana	Wright
Neisha	Mitchell	Sheenah	Zaldivar
Francis John	Nugan		

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 Jupiter Branch Wellington Branch
 West Boynton Branch

Invite your student to browse the shelves and check out a book at the Circulation Desk. If your library does not have a collection, call the Literacy Office. We'd be happy to assist.

561-649-5495

Student Expressions

I have been coming to the Adult Literacy Project for almost a year now and what an improvement since the first day! I have such great supporters at the Adult Literacy Project. People like Mrs. Norma Hendrickson and Ms. Kathleen Murphy who give so much support to their students, including me. I say thanks!

It was such a pleasure to be a part of the Love of Literacy Luncheon at the Kravis Center. Thank you to Mrs. Betty Bell, President of Friends of the Library. Because of her generosity, I was able to attend the luncheon where I had a wonderful time. I met charming people along the way, like the nice man with the cute turtle tie that sat at the same table as I did.

I thank the AmeriCorps members who take a year out of their lives to help people learn to read better, like one of the members, Paula. She helps me all the time and again, I say thank you.

The speaker, Greg Mortenson, was inspirational. He built so many schools and changed so many lives. He made a difference and will be remembered for all of his work.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Peggy Smith, my tutor, for all her help, her time and most of all her patience. She is my teacher and she is my friend. I look forward to the next essay contest where I can again show my gratitude to the Literacy Coalition, the Adult Literacy Project and all of the people who are so much help.

Lourie Tate
Essay Contest Honoree



Looking For a Student?

We have **31 students waiting** for tutors. If you haven't heard from us in a while, it's because your preference in libraries and/or hours does not coincide with our student's schedules. Please take a moment and scan the location list below. Perhaps your availability or choice of library location has changed. In any case, we would love to hear from you.

Location	Days	Evenings
Belle Glade	3	3
Boynton Beach City		1
Greenacres	7	1
Jupiter		1
Keiser University	2	
Lantana	1	
Main	4	
North Palm Beach	1	2
Okeechobee	2	1
Wellington	1	1
Total	21	10

If you have a friend or relative who may be interested in volunteering, please encourage the individual to give us a call.

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UPCOMING **ProLiteracy America** **TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

May 18, 19, & 20
June 22, 23, & 24
August 10, 11, & 12

5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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Lake Worth, Florida

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TELL A FRIEND!



I have always taken my reading and writing skills for granted, often forgetting the many years spent in school. Many people have not had this opportunity. It takes many hours of study as well as continued practice in our daily lives to be proficient in literacy.

Our students come to us because they realize that they need help. They are just asking us to share with them our basic knowledge, so that they can read newspapers, signs, job applications, medical directions, maps, menus or whatever else they encounter in their daily lives. Can you picture not being able to do these things?

Our County Library had been sponsoring a basic literacy program for 24 years. Now with almost 200 teams of one-on-one tutoring we continue to add new dimensions to people's lives, helping them reach their goals and achieve new horizons. Without basic literacy skills we would be so limited.

American born and foreign born students continue to benefit from our program, so thanks to everyone and let's keep up the good work.

Tom Scheller

Tea, Anyone?

Maria Romano's "icebreaker" kicked off a great February Tutor Tea held at the Main Library. With a get to know you quiz in hand, tutors moved around the room, meeting and making new friends.

Board members and staff were introduced, refreshments offered, supplemental books and materials were displayed. Seymour Goldstein's "edutainment" was enjoyed by all.

Then the serious business began. Tutors were asked for problems or difficulties with their students. Discussion ensued and many solutions were offered. It was an informational and engaging afternoon. Look for the announcement of our next Tutor Tea in September. It's well worth your time.

Rose Wolf, Vice President
Library Literacy Friends, Inc.



What is a Tribute Card?
It is a way to honor someone or to commemorate a special occasion. At the same time, you will contribute to Library Literacy Friends, Inc.

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Student and Tutor Appreciation Program

Saturday, June 13

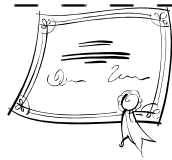
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County Library's Adult Literacy Project and to the elimination of
illiteracy in the County.



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