



Tutor Talk

Winter 2011

Adult Literacy Project Outcomes 2010 . . .

Because we could not do any of what we do without you, we want to share some of our program outcomes for the year October 2009 thru September 2010 with you:

You were one of 229 Palm Beach County Library Adult Literacy Project volunteers who gave of their time in providing 11,516 hours of literacy instruction and support services.

The lives of 265 students were improved as a result of your dedication and hours of service, 127 of whom were either new or returning students.

Our AmeriCorps Brandon Light facilitated 187 English Exchange programs in 8 library locations, with 929 patrons attending one or more

of the sessions.

We had 19 students enroll in the Learning Lab for a total of 894 instructional hours. Another 51 students participated in the Outreach Lab, logging 422 instructional hours.

On the fun side, 75 tutors, students, family and friends went the theatre with us in January to see the Lake Worth Playhouse production of *Swing*. Another 93 joined us in attending the production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in April.

None of this could have been accomplished without the commitment, dedication and unending support of our tutors and volunteers.

Thank you all!

From the President of Library Literacy Friends . . .

Happy New Year!

As we all get back into the swing of things after indulging ourselves and getting out of sync over the holidays, we are excited about all that we have coming up within the next few months. As you can see from the calendar for upcoming events, we have a lot happening – beginning with the Tutor Talk Workshop Saturday, January 29th at the West Boynton Branch Library.

I ask that you pay particular attention, as well, to the series of student workshops that our AmeriCorps, Cameron Hoellrich, has scheduled, beginning with a “health literacy” workshop on Thursday, February 10th, followed by further workshops every month.

Please encourage your student to come to the workshops. And remember that if your student is reluctant to come alone, you are more than welcome to come as well. We’d love to have you.

I read a quotation by DeAnn Hollis the other day, and although I do not know who she is, I loved the quote and want to share it with you . . .

“The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of other.”

Thank you all for making a difference. The Adult Literacy Project would be nothing without you.

— Carol Weyhe, President
Library Literacy Friends

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Upcoming Tutor & Student Events

Tutor Talk Workshop—

Saturday, January 29, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the West Boynton Branch Library, 9451 Jog Rd., Boynton Beach, FL.

Student Workshop — Health Literacy

Thursday, February 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex, 4639 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth.

Student Essay Contest 2011

Essay Due date: Friday, February 11, at the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, 551 SE 8th St., Ste. 505, Delray Beach, FL 33483.

Adult Learner Book Club — “Washington Square”

Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex, 4639 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth.

Student Workshop — Money Matters

Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex, 4639 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth

Pro-Literacy Tutor Training Workshop—

Monday & Tuesday, March 14 & 15, 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Library Annex, 4639 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth.

Tutor Talk Workshop—

Saturday, April 2, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lantana Branch Library, 4020 Lantana Rd., Lake Worth, FL.

Student Workshop — Computer Skills

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex, 4639 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth

Adult Learner Book Club — “Cry Freedom”

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex, 4639 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth.

Tutor Talk Workshop—

Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lantana Branch Library, 4020 Lantana Rd., Lake Worth, FL.

Student Workshop — ABC’s of Writing

Thursday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex, 4639 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth

Student Workshop — Hurricane Awareness

Thursday, June 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Library Annex, 4639 Lake Worth Rd., Lake Worth



Alana's

Tutor Tips

TUTOR TALK WORKSHOP

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 29TH
1:30 TO 3:00

GET TOGETHER WITH
YOUR FELLOW TU-
TORS, DISCUSS YOUR
TUTORING ISSUES,
SHARE IDEAS, AND
CELEBRATE ACCOM-
PLISHMENTS.

YOU'LL ALSO HAVE
THE OPPORTUNITY TO
ASK QUESTIONS OF
PROGRAM STAFF AND
GET INFORMATION
ABOUT AVAILABLE
MATERIALS AND
TEACHING AIDS.

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- TEACH** and re-teach until skill is automatic and fluent.
This is key to having a successful student. Until a skill is totally automatic the student hasn't "really" learned it, even though you taught it several times.
- UTILIZE** as many senses and different materials as you can.
See it, read it, say it, trace it, write it, spell it verbally, make something.
- INCLUDE** phonics and remember to clip each sound.
To say the sound "m" say mmm not muh. Make sure your jaw doesn't drop at the end of the sound you pronounce. This is a key element to reading and spelling.
- USE** hands on materials whenever possible to enhance learning.
White board, sound cards, word cards, colored pens, markers, home made games and activities can be invaluable resources.
- APPLY** same concept "different stuff" to keep motivation high.
It's easy to get discouraged if using the same materials over and over again. In order for a concept to become automatic many practice sessions are necessary.
- CONNECT** the spelling, reading, and writing process - each will reinforce the other.
Each one alone is ok but using them together is three times more powerful.
- MAINTAIN** a positive, encouraging attitude throughout the lesson.
Each success, no matter how small will lead to the next success.

Tutor Tips provided by Literacy Tutor and Trainer Alana Rock

Welcome New Tutors . . .

Following are tutors who completed the Pro-Literacy Tutor Training in November. Fifteen of the seventeen new tutors have been matched with students and have begun meeting with them. The remaining two are expected to be matched within the next few weeks.

Elizabeth Braunworth	Laurie Matthews	Christine Schmidt
Jimmy Fenske	Dee Nygren	C.K. Tenenbaum
Daniel Hewlins	Denise Pantaleo	Lisa Wells
Andrea Jacobson	Gloria Poorvin	Helene White
Tom Kabis	Paul Rasband	Bernice Weiss
Carol Lauro	Henry Samuel	

Student Essay Contest 2011 Reminder . . .

It's time again for the Adult Student Essay Contest submissions. This year's essay subject is: "The most important thing I've learned about life is . . ."

If your student is interested in submitting an essay, please to discuss this year's topic and encourage your student to participate.

Essays must be mailed by Friday, February 11, 2011 to: The Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County, 551 SE 8th St., Ste 505, Delray Beach, FL 33483



A Citizenship Tutoring Success Story

After retiring from the New York City school system four years ago, I was looking for some way that I could stay connected with my profession, teaching. The Adult Literacy Project seemed to be the answer.

I decided to begin tutoring, and met my student, Beris Brown, who had come from Jamaica many years ago. Having had very little schooling, he had great difficulty reading and writing. After working together for about three years, Beris expressed his desire to become a United States citizen. He felt confident that he could now read and write well enough to take the test. We spent much of last year working toward that goal, using a variety of materials from the Library Annex that was available for us.

Finally the day came for Beris to take the citizenship exam. The phone call that I received on September 18 while I was in New York was a highlight of my work as a tutor. It was from an excited Beris, calling to tell me that he passed the test!!! All of our work this past year had certainly paid off....Beris accomplished his goal!!!

Beris left for Jamaica last week to visit his mother in Jamaica. He was thrilled to be able to use his United States Passport for the first time.

Because of the success of Beris and others in passing their citizenship exams, the Adult Literacy Project is interested in forming a class for students who desire to become United States citizens. If you have a student or know a student who would like to participate in such a citizenship class, please contact us at (561)649-5495.

— *Adult Literacy Tutor Sylvia Singer*



CAREER GOAL AWARD PROGRAM

Get \$100 reimbursement for Licenses, Certifications and U.S. Citizenship

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Citizenship Awards

The following five students have recently achieved their United States citizenship and have been awarded \$100 under the Library Literacy Friends Career Goal Award Program:

Students:

Maria Bedoya
Edner Lindor
Beris Brown
Rosenette St. Hilare
Madgeline Haye

Tutors:

Marlene Magness
Tanra-Lee Milson
Sylvia Singer
Suzi Hayes
Larry Herman

Congratulations to all, both students and tutors!

NEEDED

VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT IN THE LITERACY OFFICE 3—6 HOURS A WEEK

ARE YOU READY TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE PROGRAM? DO YOU LIKE TUTORING BUT WANT A CHANGE? DO YOU FIND THAT TUTORING TAKES UP TOO MUCH TIME BUT WOULD STILL LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES TO ONE OF THESE QUESTIONS, THINK ABOUT BECOMING A LITERACY ORIENTATION SPECIALIST. WE'RE LOOKING FOR TUTORS TO TALK WITH PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND TUTORS BY PHONE AND INTRODUCE THEM TO THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE ADULT LITERACY PROJECT, ASSIST WITH THE UPDATING OF STUDENT PORTFOLIOS, AND SEND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS TO TUTORS. THE ADULT LITERACY COORDINATOR AND DESIGNATED VOLUNTEERS WILL PROVIDE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

IF YOU HAVE 3 TO 6 HOURS A WEEK AVAILABLE AND WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE SOME NEEDED SERVICES TO OUR PROGRAM, PLEASE GIVE US A CALL AT 649-5495 TO FIND OUT MORE.

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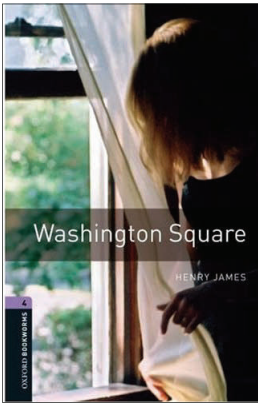
FOR MORE INFORMATION,

CALL THE ADULT LITERACY VOLUNTEER DESK AT

561-649-5495



ADULT LEARNER BOOK CLUB – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 6:30 P.M.



WHEN A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN BEGINS TO COURT CATHERINE SLOPER, SHE FEELS SHE IS VERY LUCKY. SHE IS A QUIET, GENTLE GIRL, BUT NEITHER BEAUTIFUL NOR CLEVER; NO ONE HAD EVER ADMIRERED HER BEFORE, OR COME TO THE FRONT PARLOUR OF HER HOME IN WASHINGTON SQUARE TO WHISPER SOFT WORDS OF LOVE TO HER.

BUT IN NEW YORK IN THE 1840'S YOUNG LADIES ARE NOT FREE TO MARRY WHERE THEY PLEASE. CATHERINE MUST HAVE HER FATHER'S PERMISSION, AND DR. SLOPER IS A RICH MAN. ONE DAY CATHERINE WILL HAVE A FORTUNE OF 30,000 DOLLARS A YEAR

Call 561-649-5495 or
1-888-780-5151 to have a
copy of the book sent to
you.

The timeless classic, “Washington Square” by Henry James will be the subject of our next adult learner book discussion on Tuesday evening, February 15, 6:30 p.m., at the Library Annex.

Call to have a copy of the book sent to you so you can share it with your student. We also have a

two-page synopsis of the book written at a level that is understandable and readable that is available for you to use with your student.

We encourage you to not only read the book together with your student, but to also join your student at the book group, particu-

larly if he or she is uncomfortable coming alone. It will be an enjoyable evening for both you and your student.

If your student is planning to join us, or you are planning to come together, please call 561-649-5495 and let us know to expect you.

— Reneé Nadal

Literacy Volunteer Tutor ID's

Within the next few weeks, all tutors will be receiving “Volunteer Tutor” identification lanyards. The ID badge is your official identification as an Adult Literacy Tutor, and will identify you as such when you are scheduling study rooms and seeking other assistance from Reference Librarians and other Library Personnel.

Literacy office volunteer Phyllis Manover will be contacting you, and will then send your badge to you through Library inter-office mail. Please use them every time you meet your student at the library.

ALSO . . . SINCE STUDY ROOMS AT ALL OUR LIBRARIES ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY AND GREAT DEMAND, IF YOU HAVE RESERVED A STUDY ROOM AND THEN HAVE A CHANGE IN PLANS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE LIBRARY AND CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION SO ANOTHER TUTOR CAN USE THE ROOM.



Library Literacy Friends is a group of volunteers, students and other interested citizen advocates committed to the continuation of the Palm Beach County Library’s Adult Literacy Project and to the elimination of illiteracy in Palm Beach County and is supported totally by the contributions of its members and friends.

BE A FRIEND! It doesn’t cost . . . It pays!

Yes, I want to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Library Literacy Friends, Inc. in the amount of:



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