# The Literacy Line &

Spring 2024

The Literacy Line is a newsletter for both the tutors and students of the PBC Library System's *Adult Literacy Project* and *Library Literacy Friends*.

## Congratulations to the Library Literacy Friends on Their...



YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

On Tuesday, October 17, 2023, we celebrated 30 years of Library Literacy Friends. The LLF is an organization comprised of volunteers, students, library staff, and other concerned community members who recognize the literacy needs of adults in our community. We're committed to support, promote, and expand the presence and effectiveness of the Palm Beach County Library's Adult Literacy Project in providing one-on-one tutoring. The LLF mission is to support and fund the program in all aspects to ensure the continued success of the PBC Library's Adult Literacy Project.

A luncheon in the Royal Princess Room at the Airport Hilton in West Palm Beach preceded a talk from long time board member and tutor Renee Nadel who spoke of the history of the board and shared stories of her time as a tutor. Library Literacy Board members were recognized, tutors receiving service awards were celebrated, and Library staff were on hand to answer questions and share program updates.



Renee Nadel, LLF Founding Board Member and ALP Tutor, 30 years



#### **Announcing Literacy Family Movie Night!**

Disney's *Encanto* will play at Hagen Ranch Road Library On Friday, April 19th, from 5:00 - 7:30 PM

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- Donations Welcome





Congratulations to the following students who became citizens since our last newsletter:

Christopher P., Max G., Katerina G., Jackson C., Jose P., Yorky H., Nathalia N., Ruby D., Lucy P., Hermine D., and Maria E.

We also want to thank their tutors for all the work and support they provided!

#### **NEW 2024 Citizenship Study Classes**

The Florida Literacy Coalition, in partnership with the Broward County Library, is offering an online Citizenship class. Registration for this class is now open! The classes will meet on Zoom every **Thursday**, **6:00 - 7:30pm**, **from March 7**<sup>th</sup> **to May 9th**. The link to register is: <a href="https://learnenglish.floridaliteracy.org/classes/">https://learnenglish.floridaliteracy.org/classes/</a>



The Adult Literacy Project is in the process of designing Citizenship classes for English Language Learners. We hope to offer classes later this year. Please watch for more information.

#### Congrats to Our Golden Palm Award Recipients!

Marianne Heard and Dawn Frascella received a Golden Palm Award for their work in creating the English Exchange Kits in 2023. This award is the highest one given by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County. Recognition took place at a ceremony on February 1, 2024 at the BCC Chambers in West Palm Beach.





## Adult Essay Event

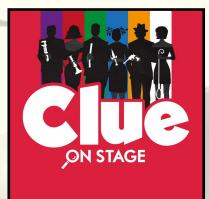
Adult and Community Education and the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County offered an opportunity for students to enter an Adult Essay Showcase. We would like to thank the following students for their submissions: Mabel A., Marijose C., Luz Myriam G., Milagros G., Mira L., and Carolina L.

We congratulate Perla P. and Diego U. as their submissions earned Honorable Mentions.

"Writing is a process, a journey into memory and the soul." — Isabel Allende







# Clue Thursday, 2–29–24

The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth – the butler, Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. *Clue* is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult-fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

### Ragtime Thursday, 4–4–24

At the dawn of a new century, everything is changing and anything is possible. Set in the volatile melting pot of turn-of-the-century New York, three distinctly American tales are woven together – that of a stifled upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician – united by their courage, compassion and belief in the promise of the future. Together, they confront history's timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair... and what it means to live in America. *Ragtime* is the winner of the 1998 Tony Awards for Best Score, Book and Orchestrations, and both the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Musical and Best Score.



**Attention ALP Tutors:** Please don't forget to submit your timecards at the end of each month. Please click on the purple button below and fill out the information required. Then hit submit. Ignore the Gmail account listed at the top of the form. Only enter the total number of hours for that specific month. When done, you will receive a message that your response has been recorded.



Adult Literacy Project Monthly Tutor Timecard



We appreciate your time!



#### Marianne's Move to Main...

Marianne and Dawn have had their offices at the Hagen Ranch Road Library since they started with the Adult Literacy Project. For a number of reasons, one of which is the program's growth, Marianne will be moving to the Main Library on Summit Blvd. in West Palm Beach. Her phone number and email will remain the same. She will be at the Hagen Ranch location at least one day a week.

Marianne and Dawn would like to remind both tutors and students to call 561-894-7510 to make an appointment before coming to see them.



Do you want the chance to practice your English in a fun and informal online or onsite atmosphere? Join us for a one-hour virtual or onsite English Exchange! Scan the QR code below and search *English Exchange*. Sessions are offered weekly at different library locations around Palm Beach County. Or go to <a href="https://pbclibrary.bibliocommons.com/v2/events">https://pbclibrary.bibliocommons.com/v2/events</a> and the under "Event Type", choose English Exchange. Intermediate knowledge of English is recommended but not required.





Attention All Students and Tutors! Do you want to recognize someone for an outstanding achievement or effort in literacy? Please email Dawn or Marianne at literacy@pbclibrary.org.

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