



Literacy Lite Newsletter

Winter 2015

Empowering Local Adults Since 1985

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On the move

Harnett County Literacy is on the move. It has been a Great Year! We are working on having more sites in Johnston and Sampson Counties. We already have students in both counties and are adding more all the time. We are devising new ways to reach more volunteers and students.

We are on the move with the programs we are offering as well. We are now offering Financial Literacy and 3 computer classes. The computer classes are Tuesday morning from 9 to 10:30; 2nd class on Tuesday from 10:30 to 12:30; and the 3rd class is on Thursday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm.

We are always looking for new students and volunteers. If anyone who needs help or would like to volunteer please have them to give me a call, send me an email, or come by the office.

Harnett County Literacy has served 118 students so far since July 1, 2014, which is more than we served in 2013-2014 where we served 104 students. Indeed we are on the move with more students!! The 2013-2014 students received 2697 hours of literacy instruction. Volunteers donated 1574 hours in addition to instruction hours to the agency during the 2013-2014 program year. I am so pleased with all the hard work that has been done in the past year.

I want to say thanks to each and every one of volunteers, so many of them also give generous financial support!! I want to thank all of our students for coming and allowing us to help them improve their quality of life through education.

Sharon Syck,
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Each one, teach one

Just a reminder...

The Harnett County Literacy office will be closed on April 3rd and 6th for Easter

The annual Scrabble Event will be in April.

Watch for more info to come!!!!

ESOL CONNECTIONS NEWS

Diverse Citizenship Class is a Success

Since the start of Citizenship Class five months ago, students from different countries and cultural backgrounds have successfully completed the requirements for citizenship class.

They are ready to apply for their citizenship exams and be proud US citizens. The class has evolved into much more than an American Citizenship class. Students improved their reading, writing, communication, and English skills. In addition, they improved their self-sufficiency, self-esteem, self-worth, and self-respect. Students were asked to help teach the classes, boosting their self-esteem and knowledge of English. Using humor, role-plays, showing compassion, respect, and understanding, we developed a strong emotional bond with each other and became just like a family.

Being a multi-level class, a variety of traditional as well as technological resources was incorporated in the lesson plans. Also, students learned deep breathing exercises, body language, and how to talk with the examiner. Students showed improvements at their end of the term grades. In fact, majority of them gained Educational Functioning Level (EFL) and earned recognition certificates.

With successful completion of the first session, I started the next class on January 12, 2015 which ends on May 04, 2015. Class meets weekly for two hours; Mondays 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Students have started the class with great enthusiasm and determination.

Nutan Varma, ESOL Connections Coordinator



VOLUNTEER NEWS

The next Board and Members meeting will be Thursday, March 19 at 11:45am in Triangle South in Room 106.

You can purchase lunch for \$8 or bring your own. Please call the office to request a lunch to purchase.

910-891-4111

ALL WELCOME!

Computer Lab

Computer literacy is a must in our modern world.

Supervised Lab hours are:

Tuesdays 9:00–10:30am & 10:30-12:30PM

Thursdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Please Help!!!

We are collecting the following items for our student bags:

No 2 pencils, erasers, sharpeners, pencil case, thin spiral or bound composition notebooks

Please bring them to the office for distribution
Thanks !!!!



Calling all volunteer tutors! We are fortunate to be affiliated with the NC Community College System. This allows us the opportunity to offer training classes for our tutors. There are always new techniques and information for adult learning. These trainings are valuable to us as an agency since participation by our volunteers shows our State funders that we have a motivated group of volunteers. We know that many of you out there would be interested in refreshing your skills or learning new ideas to make your volunteer service as successful as possible. We owe this to our students. You can get a list of classes at the office or at https://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/Basic_Skills/trainingCalendar.htm. When you pick a training, call the office and we can possibly match you with another volunteer and carpool.

HCL will be offering an in-service for volunteer tutors on the topic of “**Dealing with Challenging Students**”. This will cover ideas on checking for possible lack of attendance, ways to keep it fresh and a tutoring sharing opportunity. You will learn how to avoid tricky situations and meet other tutors. The date will be **Saturday, March 28 at 10:00am**. Please sign up by calling or emailing the office by March 20.
(910-891-4111, director@harnettliteracy.org)

Don't forget! There are many opportunities for volunteers to work in the office of the agency. Call Sharon at the office if you are interested.

Start at smile.amazon.com to support Harnett County Literacy Association. Amazon donates a portion of eligible purchases made at AmazonSmile to the charity of your choice.

We are looking for ideas to celebrate HCL's 30 Year Anniversary this year!!



Please contact us at 910-891-4111 or director@harnettliteracy.org
Got an Idea?

AGENCY FUNDRAISING NEWS

Grant Writing Report The grant committee is feverishly writing grants to prepare for funds for the 2015-16 year. We have several that are possibilities in conjunction with Tri-Literacy Works development. These efforts are time consuming, but worth it in the long run. If you are interested in joining the committee, we look forward to hearing from you. Just call the office for information 910-891-4111.

Fundraising Report The fundraising committee is proud to announce the holiday raffle proceeds were \$1420. Congrats to the four winners! The committee is presently working on plans for this year's Scrabble event and a raffle with winners to be announced at the event. They need volunteers for canvassing, collecting items for the auction and setup/takedown assistance. Please call the office to sign up to be part of this fun event. Plans for an HCL Bingo night are in the works as well.

As always, we need everyone—tutors, students, and volunteers—to be active in our fundraisers in these critical economic times. Thanks for your support!