



Literacy Lite Newsletter

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Empowering Local Adults Since 1985

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Each one, teach one

Just a reminder...

The Harnett County Literacy office will be closed on

Good Friday April 18

Scrabble Event will be April 17

Watch for more info coming soon!

Greetings,

Our current agency focus is **Partnerships**. Partnerships enable our students to discover their untapped potential to go farther and reach previously out of reach dreams. Partnerships equip our agency with resources that allow us to reach and teach more students than seems possible. Community partners are essential for our agency and student successes. **Literacy Matters!!** Step up and help us to solve the illiteracy in our community. Help us by volunteering, donating, joining, or sponsoring Harnett County Literacy activities. Together we can eliminate illiteracy in our community.

Our volunteers are essential partners in our mission! As the winter weather approaches please remember to be safe and stay warm.

Our Scrabble Event will be held April 17 this year. We invite all of our tutors and students to “play for literacy.” Our goal this year is \$5,000. Please help us to raise adult literacy awareness and support throughout our community by sponsoring and joining us.

HCL Needs more Tutors...Can YOU or someone you know help? Harnett County Literacy volunteers can help adult learners to read, write, math, and learn computer skills. Please call Sharon Syck at 910-891-4111 if you can help.

We are also looking for students!! If you or someone you know needs help with reading, writing, math, or operating computers contact our office!

Sharon Syck, Executive Director

TUTORING NEWS

Laura Jimenez, finished her program with HCL Great job Laura! She's already working toward taking her Career Readiness Test for her Career Readiness Certificate. She'll take the test in March. Good luck to a great lady! She plans to take computer classes with Harnett County Literacy as well.

Computer skills are so important in today's world. They are everywhere you turn. Part of our responsibility to our students learning process is computer literacy. Our reading students can benefit from using some of our literacy software or access some on line sites. If as a tutor you do not feel your computer skills are strong enough have no fear. We have a fully functioning computer lab with two dedicated volunteers teaching our students. All you have to do is approach and encourage your student to give it a try. The computer tutors will need to know the student's literacy levels to devise a teaching plan for the student. The hours for tutoring are on page 2. They presently have room for 2 more students in the Friday Computer class at 10-12noon.

We are currently looking for an ESOL tutor for a small group class. If you are interested, please call Sharon at the office.



The next Board and Members meeting will be Thursday, March 20 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:

Thursdays 1:30 to 3 PM

Fridays 10:00am–
12:00pm

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 !!!!



VOLUNTEER NEWS

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.

A HUGE thanks to our computer lab tutors. We have two dedicated volunteers who are tutoring in the computer lab weekly. It is so important for our students to learn or enhance their computer skills.

Thank you to Ryan Blackmond and Linda Holliday!

There are many opportunities for volunteers to work in the administrative pieces of the agency. Call Sharon at the office if you are interested.

Volunteers are the backbone of Harnett County Literacy !

If you have any newsletter items to share, please contact the HCL office.

AGENCY FUNDRAISING NEWS

Grant Writing Report The committee is happy to announce that we have recently received some grant money. We received \$5000 from South River Electric's Operation Roundup. Monsanto's America's Farmers Grow Communities program generously donated \$2500 to HCL. Our United Way support has increased this year as well. These grants will allow us to purchase learning and training materials to keep the agency on track to fulfill our mission. We are presently searching for staffing funds to allow us to hire another coordinator for our ESOL program. Anyone interested in assisting in grant searches can contact the HCL office and the committee will contact you.

Fundraising Report The fundraising committee is proud to announce the winner of the **Element 32" LCD TV**. The winner was Margie Stephenson. Congrats to Margie! The raffle proceeds were \$1024. The committee is presently working on plans for this year's Scrabble event and 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.

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