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Save the Date for Literacy Speaks!

Mark your calendar for Literacy Speaks 2016, which will be held Thursday, February 4, 2016 at Florian Gardens, Eau Claire. The keynote speaker will be best-selling author Nickolas Butler. Tickets are available now on [our website](#).

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Part-Time Infant Teacher Needed

Looking for a caring, energetic, and motivated individual to become a part of our infant and toddler team at the Eau Claire YMCA-LVCV collaboration at Christ Church Cathedral.

Qualified candidates should have knowledge and experience in the Early Childhood Field. Early Childhood I & II preferred, but will train the right candidate.

Please send resumes and cover letters to

Carmen@eauclairemca.org.



Read the 2014-2015 Annual Report

The 2014-2015 Annual Report for Literacy Volunteers is currently in the mail to donors. Read it [now online](#)

CVTC, Festival Foods and Marshfield Clinic Join List of ScrabbleBee Sponsors

A special thank you to Chippewa Valley Technical College, Marshfield Clinic and Festival Foods for sponsoring the 2016 ScrabbleBee. They join event sponsor CCF Bank, and major sponsors Xcel Energy and Northwestern Bank and Wisconsin Public Radio.

The 15th Annual ScrabbleBee, will be held Thursday, April 21, 2016, at a NEW location! The Lismore Hotel & Conference Center in downtown Eau Claire is a larger venue and will allow us to expand the fun to 50 teams. If your business or organization would like to join our growing list of major sponsors or are interested in sponsoring a team, contact Literacy Volunteers now at [715-834-0222](tel:715-834-0222) or info@lvcv.org. To learn all about the event, including sponsoring, playing, and pledging, visit www.lvcv.org/scrabble-bee. All proceeds from the Bee go directly to our literacy programs and services.

Thank you sponsors!



Giving Tuesday Update:

LVCV participated in #Giving Tuesday on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. We raised \$2,295 for literacy that day, and would like to thank everyone who participated in this national annual event to promote giving during the holiday season.

AmazonSmile:

When doing your holiday shopping, remember that when you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to LVCV.

Bookmark the link

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1657040> and support us every time you shop.

Goodsearch

LVCV is connected to Goodsearch. To learn more about how you can raise funds for LVCV through this program, click here.

Thrivent Choice

LVCV is now listed in Thrivent Choice's charitable grant program. Find us on their website in the searchable online catalog. Thrivent Financial will direct Choice Dollars to us in a particular



Marshfield Clinic

Snow Closure Policy

Although snowfall this winter has been minimal, we wanted to remind everyone that if CVTC closes, the Banbury office will be closed. If the Eau Claire Area School District cancels classes due to winter snow conditions, our Family Literacy program will be closed. The Banbury office **may** still be opened. Check our Facebook page for closure information.



Board Profile: Drew Dugan

This July, Drew Dugan joined the LVCV Board of Directors. Drew is a Midwesterner through and through being born in Iowa, raised in Minnesota, and educated in Wisconsin. In 2007, he graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in



Human Geography and Political Science, and in 2011, he graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a Master's Degree in Geography and Geographic Information Systems. For the past 4 years, Drew has worked in various capacities at JAMF Software.

"One of the things that I've always appreciated about JAMF is the organization's promotion of community

month.



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service. In addition to offering volunteer time off and helping facilitate volunteer opportunities, we're also encouraged to help serve local non-profit organizations. LVCV is one of those opportunities" Drew said. "Additionally, my family has long been involved in community-service as well, so it's been ingrained in me my whole life how important serving the community is. Coming from a long line of educators, I've been taught how paramount reading is to the continued acquisition of knowledge and understanding of the world around us, which I believe directly correlates to a person's happiness and overall satisfaction of their life. That said, it would be an honor to help the people of the Chippewa Valley who want to improve their own literacy. I feel my work experience, connections, and technological curiosity would be a great resource and and perspective to add to the Board of Directors."

Welcome Kate Kingree

You may have noticed a new face at the Literacy Volunteers Banbury Place location. Kate Kingree, the new Northern Literacy Consultant for Wisconsin Literacy, is working out of office space at LVCV. Kate replaces long-time consultant Margarete Cook. Please join us in welcoming Kate to her new position. If you would like more information about the statewide literacy agency, contact Kate at [715-833-5316](tel:715-833-5316).



Staff Profile: Barb Nelson

Barb has lived in Eau Claire for over 10 years and has

completed her ninth year as LVCV's Family Literacy Coordinator. She has been involved in education for most of her adult life, initially as an English teacher, then as a high school counselor in the Twin Cities for 30 years. Her education and experience are a good fit for literacy: bachelor's degree is in English and mathematics



education; Master's degree is in Guidance and Counseling; her post-graduate studies are in reading and career education; and she was an employment counselor for five years.

Barb said, "As a high school counselor, I saw first-hand how difficult it is for children to reach their potential if they have grown up in poverty, and their parents lack the skills to guide them. With LVCV I've seen families break that inter-generational cycle of poverty and low literacy. I'm excited to be affiliated with a program that helps families lift themselves out of poverty and makes it possible for parents to offer a better future for their children."

Openings in Office Receptionist - Medical Emphasis Class

There are still openings for the Office Receptionist – Medical Emphasis class at CVTC. This is through the ACT for Healthcare Grant. Classes begin January 11th. Cost is approximately \$2,400 for tuition and fees, plus books and parking. This is the first diploma that can advance into the Executive Assistant Associate Degree.

This program is supported by Success Coach Rachel Swatloski and a great way for adults who have not been in

post-secondary school to begin their education. It also has a free Computer Literacy and Writing Boot Camp before the spring term begins to prepare students for their first semester in classes at CVTC. Students should plan to attend this 32-hour boot camp prior to learn the basic computer and writing skills to prepare them for the Office Receptionist with medical emphasis program and in the healthcare industry. The boot camp is December 28, 29, 30, 2015 and January 04, 2016 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to gain entry level skills to medical office positions, as well as the prospect of continuing on into the Executive Assistant Associate Degree.

Anyone who is interested should email Rachel Swatloski at CVTC at rswatloski@cvtc.edu or phone [715-831-7262](tel:715-831-7262) as soon as possible.

Literacy Volunteers Closed for the Holidays

All Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley locations will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th as well as Friday, January 1, 2016.

Our Family Literacy program is closed December 23rd through January 1st. Classes resume January 4th 2016



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