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A monthly update brought to you by Literacy Volunteers - Chippewa Valley

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

I just returned from the annual fall conference in Appleton, inspired and excited by the people I met and the ideas we shared. Wisconsin Technical College System Education Director Mark Johnson recited the following poem to the ballroom of over 500 Wisconsin educators and administrators.

It Couldn't Be Done

By Edgar A. Guest

*Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.*

Marianne Kinkhammer

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Workplace Offerings

Would your student enjoy earning a workplace certification or increasing a practical skill set? We offer forklift experiences, ServSafe food handling skills, basic keyboarding, and practical math. In all offerings, literacy skills and real life mingle heartily. Some offerings are available immediately and others are in development.

Let's hear from you!

Questions are welcome. Ask you supporting staff member or contact Cheryl at 715-834-0429.

Tutor Resources

Tutors looking for teaching ideas for students should check out the web site <http://www.newsforyouonline.com/>. This website offers easy-to-read news stories that can help students learn to read, write, speak, and understand the English language. Seven new stories are posted each Wednesday, along with audio, exercises, vocabulary, a crossword puzzle, and a poll. You can listen to each story in full or sentence-by-sentence. Click on any story to get started or to see and hear a sample.

You will need a subscription and a password to enjoy all of the features on the site, so contact Literacy Volunteers for this information.

*Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it";
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.*

*There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you one by one, The
dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.*

Thanks to our teachers, tutors, board members for all they do. Keep doing that thing you do with a smile on your face knowing that you make a difference in the lives of our students!

--MaryJo VanGompel

Meet the New Staff Members

Literacy Volunteers is excited to welcome two new instructors in Eau Claire. Bess Arneson is facilitating the open learning lab on Thursday mornings, supporting tutors and learners at the Eau Claire County Jail, assisting clients in the



Transitions program, and working on special projects. A recent retiree who began her career working one-on-one with young adults seeking GEDs through the federal Job Corps program, Bess is excited to once again have an opportunity help adult learners attain their individual educational goals.

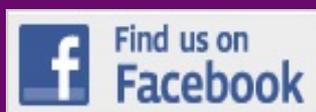


We are still in need of a microwave. Does anyone have one to donate?

Wish List:

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley has a wish list on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

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Bess has a Master's Degree in Education from UW-Eau Claire along with an undergraduate degree in business education and psychology. In the early years of her career, she worked as a teaching librarian at Bloomer Middle School and served as the district's library/media supervisor. Most recently, Bess has been a librarian at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library in Eau Claire. Initially working as a Reference Librarian, she went on to coordinate the library's adult cultural and educational programming and serve as the manager of the library's public relations division as well as the fiction and music collections.

Stephanie Vobornik works in the open learning lab on Tuesday evenings, and also teaches in corrections at the Eau Claire County jail. Additionally, she will work on special projects and curriculum development. She will be in the Eau Claire office on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.



Stephanie earned her Master of Science Degree in Career and Technical Education and a Master's Certificate in e-Learning and Online teaching from UW-Stout. She earned her undergraduate degree from Lakeland College in Business Administration and Marketing. Stephanie has been teaching as an adjunct instructor in the Business Technology department at CVTC for the past 3 years. She has also taught adjunct for Lakeland College. Prior to coming to LVCV, she worked for Royal Credit Union for over 10 years. Stephanie said that she was interested in working for Literacy Volunteers because she has a passion for learning and helping others achieve their goals. Please join us in welcoming both Stephanie and Bess to Literacy Volunteers.

Business Expo and Job Fair



Literacy Volunteers participated in the [Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Business Expo and Job Fair](#) on October 21, 2014 at the Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center. Pictured above are Kris Phillips and Cheryl Sandoval, both volunteer tutors, who ran a shift at our booth. Thank you to the Chamber and all the staff, volunteers and Board members who made it possible for us to have a presence at this key business networking event.

Learning Disabilities Training

Do you have a student with learning disabilities? If so, you will want to attend this research-based training sponsored through a grant from the Eau Claire Community Foundation:

Date: November 20 & 21 (Thursday & Friday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Banbury Building, 800 Wisconsin St. Eau Claire Conference Room, 3rd Floor

"Learning to Achieve" is based on the most recent rigorous research on learning disabilities (LD). Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley staff will provide this two-day training to help tutors and instructors identify the tools and techniques that best serve adults with LD. The modules

presented will define specific types of reading and writing disabilities, and practices demonstrated to be effective in improving these skills. Also presented will be the role of self-determination in achieving academic goals as well as special modules on Workforce Preparation Strategies and English Language Learners with LD.

To register, call 715-834-0222 or email info@lvcv.org. Space is limited so act today! [Click this link for more information.](#)

Habitat for Humanity Home



Members of the Family Literacy staff assisted students Sheng and Nhiage Xiong in constructing their new Habitat for Humanity home in Eau Claire on October 10, 2014. The Xionsgs are looking forward to soon having a home of their own.

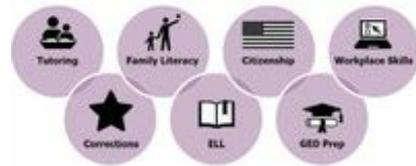
Thank you Office Painters



Thank you to the volunteers from Nestle Nutrition who came over to paint our office. The group was part of the Day of Caring through the United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley. Our front reception area, open learning lab, hallway and group work area are all spruced up and look great. Thanks again!

Need Help?

We have a variety of programs to help you acquire the necessary skills to achieve economic self-sufficiency. [Click Here](#) to see services that we provide.



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