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

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VanGompel Named Executive Director Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley Board is pleased and proud to announce that they have hired Mary Jo VanGompel as the new Executive Director.



VanGompel's 20 years in healthcare human resources has prepared her well to be the next Executive Director. Her experience includes conducting feasibility studies for public health departments, writing affirmative action plans, successful implementation of software solutions, creating and delivering numerous training programs and mentoring recruiters, project managers and interns.

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Because of the great feedback we had in our "Faces of Literacy" edition, we will again be including student photos in this book. Keep an eye out for complete information coming in October.

GED Honor Roll

Congratulations to students receiving GED credentials recently!

David

Brian

Matt

Rashaun

Corey

Wall of Citizens

Congratulations to students becoming U.S. citizens recently!

Lee

Khu

"We are so excited to welcome Mary Jo as our new executive director and have her represent our organization out in the community," said Paul Kulig, President, Board of Directors. "Her leadership, positive attitude and passion for our mission will be a great asset as we move forward. She is known as a collaborative leader who fosters a culture of respect and high standards."

VanGompel earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay and a Master's Degree in Project Management from the University of Wisconsin Platteville. She serves on the Steering Committee of the Workforce Initiative for the Eau Claire Economic Development Corporation and is a member of ClearWater Kiwanas.

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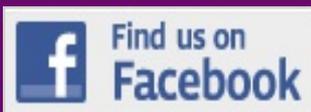
September marked National Literacy Month and Literacy Volunteers - Chippewa Valley (LVCV) took additional measures to promote literacy awareness and reduce illiteracy in the Chippewa Valley. During the month of September, LVCV

- added Literacy Facts to the LVCV Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Literacy-Volunteers-Chippewa-Valley/344767268781>
- Added a literacy video to the LVCV website <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kx48K-b6l8E&feature=youtu.be>
- Eau Claire City Council President Kerry Kincaid proclaimed Sept 8 as Literacy Day in the City of Eau Claire.
- Staff and board members served dinner at the Community Table on Friday, September 20.

LVCV encourages citizens to:

- Volunteer to be a tutor
- Read to a child
- Donate books or reading materials to a local school

- or community center
- Start a reading club
- Refer someone to a literacy program



Volunteer Tutors Needed

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley (LVCV) is looking for volunteer tutors! We have 13 adult students on a waiting list and more are seeking help. We need volunteers from Eau Claire, Chippewa or Dunn Counties. Volunteers come from all walks of life, have different interests, and vary in age. Patience and a couple hours each week can lead to a rewarding volunteer experience!

Volunteer tutors are required to have a high school diploma (or its equivalent); a desire to help another individual meet his/her literacy goals; pass a background check and complete a required tutor training course. Tutors are needed for approximately one year or more. The tutor training course offers a foundation of skills and insights for working with adult students. **Training sessions offered Tuesday, October 22, 6-9 Pm and Sturday, November 2, 10am- 4pm**

For more details c
visit the website <http://www.lvcv.org/tutor-training>

Huber Support Team Recognized

Deb Erwin, Adult Literacy Instructor for Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley (LVCV) was recognized at a special ceremony in Madison WI on Thursday, September 12.



Erwin, member of the Huber Support Team, was awarded the "Friend and Advocate Award" by Chancellor Roy Cross. This award is given to individuals outside the UW Colleges and UW-Extension that have given substantial

support to one or both institutions' outreach mission at the local, state, national or international level. Her work as the Huber Support Team community partner was recognized for offering Chippewa County Jail inmates the computer and interview skills needed for employment and a brighter future. Erwin has been an instructor with LVCV for the past 1-1/2 years.

Huber Support team member, Jill Hietpas of the UW-Extension Center for Community Technology solutions was presented with the Award for Excellence in Community Engagement.

MargaREADaville

Do you need a little mini vacation? Grab your friends and co-workers and come join us for a night in paradise. We will be holding our 2nd annual MargaREADaville get together at Whiskeys Grill and Bar in Altoona on Thursday, October 10th, from 6:30pm - 9:30pm.



This event will feature live music by Chuck Bayuk & Frankie Lee, a Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, \$1.99 margaritas, and cheeseburger and fries (included in ticket price).

Tickets are \$20 a person or \$35 per couple. You can purchase your tickets online at www.lvcv.org/margareadaville or stop in and see us to purchase your ticket!

Spotlight on Support

eBay Foundation has **GIVE TEAM** 

recently awarded Literacy 
Volunteers – Chippewa

Valley \$5,000 for the purchase of new computers to aid in the tutoring of students for the new GED exam format. The new GED process which takes effect January 2014 is significantly different from existing processes in that students will be required to take the exam utilizing a computer. The current exam is paper and pencil format.

Literacy Volunteers - Chippewa Valley would like to thank eBay Foundation for their support of our mission to help one individual, one family, and one community at a time.

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