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The Chalkboard

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

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June 2014

Literacy Volunteers Receives Eau Claire Community Foundation Grant

Literacy Volunteers -- Chippewa Valley was recently awarded an Eau Claire Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$7,317 for Top Tutor Training. The Top Tutor Training funds will provide workshops and additional training opportunities for Literacy Volunteer tutors and staff. Specifically LVCV will present one 2-day Learning to Achieve training workshop and a series of four half-day STudent Achievement in Reading (STAR) training. [For additional information on the grant, see the complete article on our Web site.](#)

MaryJo VanGompel, Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers – Chippewa Valley, was a guest speaker at the Eau Claire Community Foundation Annual Meeting



on June 5, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Eau Claire. MaryJo is

Wish List:

Literacy Volunteers
Chippewa Valley has a
wishlist on
[Amazon.com](#).



pictured above (second from left) with other community grant recipients.

Family Literacy Projects

The Family Literacy Program has concluded the 2013-2014 school year and the following is a list of the many parent education projects that have been completed:

- Staff taught beginners how to understand the school calendar.
- Beginners learned what to bring with children to daycare, and when to keep them home because of illness.
- Beginners learned about notes that teachers send home from class and how to respond.
- Parents learned about elementary folders, how to use them, what to sign, how to check backpacks, and how to sign the folder every night.
- Beginners learned about the U.S. school system, what age children are eligible for Head Start, how schools are structured (elementary, middle, high school), that attending school is mandatory, and about the technical college and university.
- Beginners were taught how to know when to take their children to the doctor, immunizations, etc.

[Read more of the many worthwhile projects.](#)

Did You Attend Celebration of the Stars?

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley held its annual Celebration of the Stars on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at Lake Street United Methodist Church. Over 125 tutors, students, and supporters attended this important event recognizing over 50 students for their important literacy accomplishments at Family Literacy and Pair Tutoring/Open Learning. [Continue reading about this fantastic event](#) and [view the photos](#).

New Vs. Old GED Tests

As you may know, Wisconsin has adopted the new 2014

GED. GED is a trademarked acronym used for the General Educational Development Tests, a battery of examinations administered by states to measure the skills and knowledge similar to a high school course of study. GED graduates earn a GED credential. While the landscape for all the tests continues to settle, we thought you may be interested in knowing some of the basic differences between the old 2002 GED and the new 2014 GED. For example, the test format for the 2014 GED test is computer-based only, without an option to be taken on paper. The number of tests has changed from five to four: Reasoning through Language Arts (RLA), Mathematical Reasoning, Science and Social Studies.

For additional comparison information, [see the chart on the Proliteracy Web site](#).

For more information on the costs and what is covered on the tests, [visit Chippewa Valley Technical College's web page](#).

Staff and tutors at Literacy Volunteers have been busy working with students to prepare and successfully complete the new GED test. Congratulations to Chris, a student at the Chippewa County Jail, who has successfully passed two of the 2014 GED exams (RLA and Science).

Have you always wanted to complete your GED? Did you know that Literacy Volunteers can assist you in making this goal a reality? Contact us at 715-834-0222 or email info@lvcv.org.

CNA Grad Lanie Thompson

Through LVCV's Bridges 2 Healthcare partnership with Workforce Resource and CVTC, our congratulations goes to student Lanie Thompson. She has completed her Certified



Nursing Assistant (CNA) training, as well as passed her state boards. This makes Lanie officially certified by the state of Wisconsin and a desired candidate for

employment. Well done, Lanie! Special thanks go to tutor Jim McConnell for sharing his time and expertise in this endeavor.

Hmong New Year

Literacy Volunteers student Mai Nhia (center) celebrated the Hmong New Year with her daughter Hnub Ci and her tutor Margee Stienecker. The festivities were held at UW-Stout.



Attention all Tutors!

Attention all Literacy Volunteer tutors! Please turn in your volunteer hours as soon as possible, so we can get them recorded by the end of June. You can estimate the number of hours for the last week or two. Thank you!

Are you looking for additional resources for your students?

Check the LVCV office for a variety of materials. There are also a few good website to peruse for good tutor information: Try [ProLiteracy Notebook Spring 2014](#) or [Wisconsin Literacy Tutor Toolkit](#) (email lbentley@lvcv.org for the Tutor Toolkit Login).

Menomonie Open Learning Center

Did you know that the Open Learning Center in Menomonie provides free and confidential literacy services to anyone? The Center is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m.-Noon. It is located in the Public Library, 600 Wolske Bay Road, Menomonie. As a reminder, tutors and students currently have to use the back stairs because the elevator is out of order for the month of June.

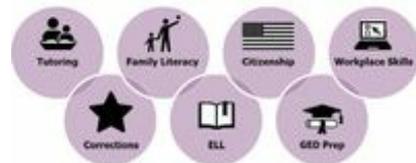
Experienced staff are available during open learning to help students prepare for a GED, improve typing skills, learn to read better, practice English conversation, increase math skills, work on a resume, and other literacy services. Stop by soon.

Offices Closed for Independence Day

The LVCV offices in Eau Claire, Chippewa and Dunn counties will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2014 for the Independence Day holiday. Enjoy the day!

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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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