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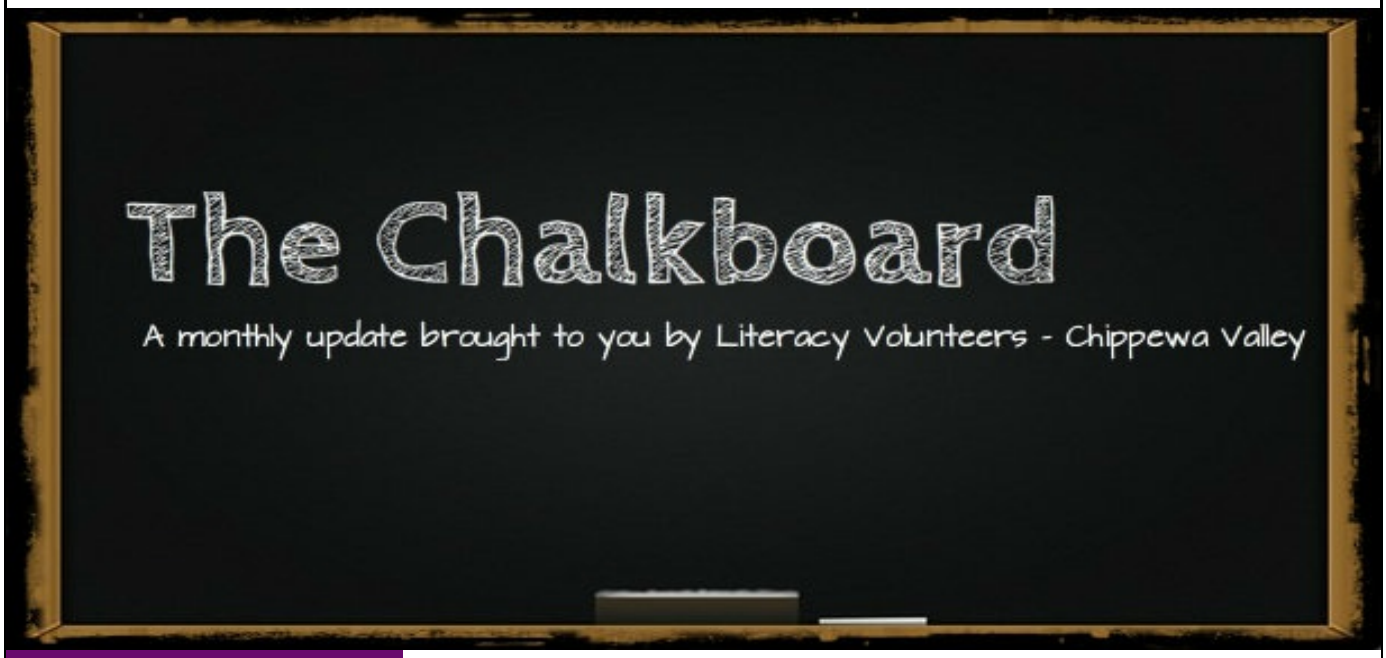

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GED Grad

Congratulations to Chris who recently passed all four of his GED tests. Chris is a student at the Chippewa County Jail.

Reaping Rewards

Wonder if your tutoring and learning get noticed? An Hispanic student mentioned he went to get his haircut

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Literacy Volunteer Wins Jefferson Award

Literacy Volunteers -- Chippewa Valley (LVCV) is pleased to announce that volunteer tutor Jim McConnell is a winner of the 2014 Jefferson Awards of the Chippewa Valley. Jim will be one the 12 recipients honored at the Jefferson Awards Banquet this spring – one of whom will be chosen to attend the national ceremony in Washington, DC.

Jim has been a Literacy Volunteer tutor the past five years, and is presently tutoring four days a week in various programs at Literacy Volunteers. He has helped more than a dozen individuals take next steps in their literacy goals including tutoring a student the citizenship content to pass her citizenship exam. He has helped others with writing, emailing, conversation, computer, and math skills. “What I

last week and the person who trimmed his hair said his English was noticeably better! Others notice your efforts. Well done!

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Anyone have a microwave to donate?

Wish List:

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley has a wishlist on Amazon.com.

like about LVCV is that there is so much variety," Jim said. He stresses the importance of listening to students and working side-by-side with them, and he added that it is "delightful to watch people grow".

Continue to read the rest of the story.

Watch the WQOW TV video.

Bridges2Healthcare Academy Update

Workforce Resource has openings for the Bridges2Healthcare (B2HC) Healthcare Academy in Chippewa Falls. The classes will be held September 8-18, 2014 at the CVTC Chippewa Campus. The academy runs Monday-Thursday for two weeks from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. CPR for Healthcare Providers and First Aid training are provided as part of the Healthcare Academy. There is no charge to attend a B2HC Healthcare Academy.

To apply click here. Then click on job seekers application - click on B2HC application - complete and submit. Applicants will be contacted by Workforce Resource and scheduled for two assessments prior to the start of the Academy - CareerScope (interest and aptitudes) and EPSS Employability Plan/Service Strategy (career plan, education, transportation, housing, etc.). A letter will be sent to the candidates the week before the Healthcare Academy which details where to park, etc.

For more information, contact Bridges2Healthcare Program Manager Sue Lane at 715-720-2840 ext. 1218.

Check Out the New Books

New books and other materials have arrived at Literacy Volunteers! Thanks to funding from multiple grants, we are ready for the new school year. Each month we will spotlight some of the new books, and this month we are featuring GED books.

The GED test changed on January 1, 2014. After attending

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Tutors & Students:

Remember to submit the survey that was emailed to you by Aug. 8th. Additional surveys are available at the Eau Claire office if you have not received one by email. Thanks!

conferences, talking with publisher representatives, and participating in several state-wide discussions to share what resources are being used, LVCV instructors have decided to start using a series of books from McGraw Hill. For each GED subject area (Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Reasoning through Language Arts) there are two different series: Common Core Basics and Common Core Achieve.

Common Core Basics is written at a 6-8 grade reading level and are considered pre-GED. These books provide instruction and practice in foundational skills to prepare the student for GED level materials. They focus on developing core skills and higher-order thinking skills. Now, more than ever, they will need to have cross-disciplinary skills like intellectual curiosity and the ability to reason. When they reason, students will need to collect, analyze and apply data to build or evaluate arguments and conclusions.

Common Core Achieve is written at a 9-12 grade level. It builds upon the reading, language, writing and math skills that were introduced in the Common Core Basics series. It provides examples and practice tests that help determine if the student has developed all of the competencies required to master the GED tests.

Every book has lessons that take a key concept and integrate it with vocabulary, writing, thinking, graphics and math skills. In addition there are many sidebars that present information on calculator skills, test-taking skills, media literacy skills, and workplace skills.

In addition to the books, we have also purchased AZTEC software which is designed to support all of the skills required by the GED test. Aztec Software assists adult learners with assessing and remediating their learning needs. The Aztec Learning System creates flexible easy-to-use solutions for each learner and is designed to maximize the learner's gains in minimal time.

Is your student working on getting their GED? We are looking for students to begin using this software. Please

contact any staff member to get your student access to this software.

Website Resources for Tutors

Tutors, are you looking for some websites for additional resources for your students?. Listed below are a few that LVCV recommends:

http://theteachersguide.com/
Cost: Free. No user name needed. Worksheets, lesson plans, Smartboard templates for Gr. 1-12+.

http://www.englishforeveryone.org/
Cost: Free. No user name needed. Printable English worksheets, interactive quizzes for K-12, GED, ESL.

http://www.math-drills.com/
Cost: Free. No user name needed. 1000's of printable math worksheets for Gr. 1-12+.

www.learnenglishfeelgood.com
Cost: Free except for several low cost ESL worksheet packages. ESL Resources for Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced including printable worksheets on American idioms and verbal phrases. Also includes audio listening comprehension exercises for correct pronunciation.

New Tutors Welcome

Who do you know who would make a great tutor? Now's a perfect time to share contact information with Cheryl or have them contact her at 715-834-0429 or csutter@lvcv.org. Mailings will be sent in August for new tutor training starting in fall with placements continuing thereafter. Questions are welcome. No obligation to get the mailing!

Chippewa Falls Open Learning Center

Did you know that Literacy Volunteers offers open learning in Chippewa Falls? Open Learning is held on Mondays from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Chippewa Falls Public

Library, 105 W. Central Street. Like the open learning centers in Eau Claire and Menomonie, it provides free and confidential literacy services to anyone. New students are always welcome!

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!

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