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Literacy Volunteers Celebrate the Stars of Literacy

Eau Claire, WI – Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley (LVCV) held its annual Celebration of the Stars on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Lake Street United Methodist Church. Over 90 tutors, students, and supporters attended this important event recognizing 35 students for their important literacy accomplishments at Family Literacy and Pair Tutoring/Open Learning.

Special Tutor Awards were presented to volunteers who reached milestones for years of service in time working with students:

Five Years of Service

Linda Aaseng
Sara Armstrong
Emma Brockman
Chuck Gorecki
Lori Johnson

10 Years of Service

Ruth Crouse
Toni Janssen
Bob Langer
Dave Martineau
Jim Oliver
Luanne Shea
Jackie Young

15 Years of Service

Sheila Sorenson
Yvonne Zwiefelhofer

The recently published 2015 Celebrate Writing book was also released at Celebration of the Stars. This year's theme was entitled "*What are you Reading?*", and contained stories written by LVCV Adult Learners. Eight students read their entries to those in attendance. You can receive a copy of the book by stopping at a Literacy Volunteers office. New this year -- you can also [read the book online](#).

During the program, Executive Director MaryJo VanGompel said that some of her closest friends in school were formed over the question of "What are you reading?" Sharing the love of a book builds a bond between people of all ages, ethnicities and religions. She challenged

students with a quote from Dr. Suess, “‘The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.’ Go forth and learn!”

The Celebration of the Stars was made possible in part by prize donations from the Eau Claire County Community Service Program, Cascades, Boys & Girls Club of the Chippewa Valley, and Dollar General. For more information, see our website at www.lvcv.org.

About Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley is a community-based literacy organization that offers adults the opportunity to gain the skills they need to make a better life for themselves and their families. We do this by taking the time to understand the unique needs of each learner and tailoring our services specifically to them. Using real-world applications to teach our students, we help them better retain their skills, empowering them to achieve their personal goals. Our free services not only help the learners and their families, they enrich the entire Chippewa Valley community. For more information, please visit www.lvcv.org or contact: Mary Jo VanGompel, Executive Director, at 715-834-0222.

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