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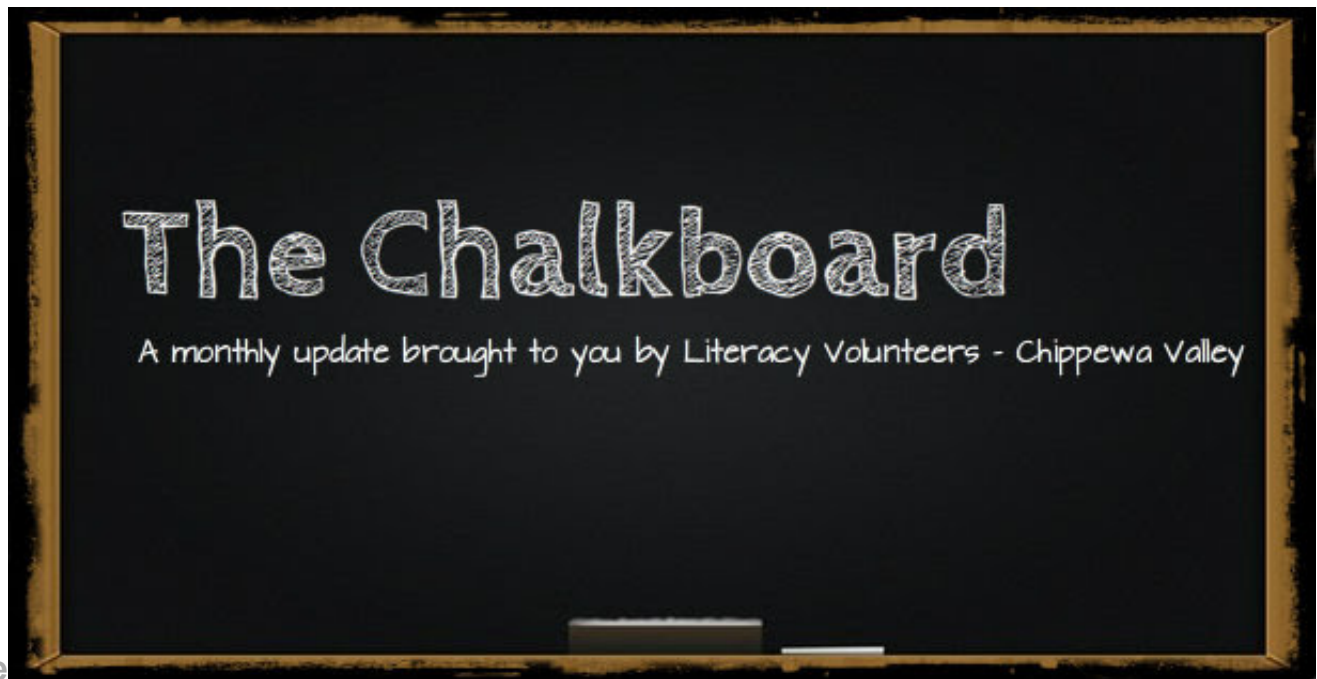
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New iPads & Immigrant Guides Available

Thanks to a grant from the [Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration](#) (FSPA), Literacy Volunteers has acquired 15 new iPads and 200 Immigrant Guides. Pictured at right is Sister Diane Boehm with an iPad and an immigrant guide.

“The Immigrant Guide: What Every Immigrant Needs to Know” provides essential life-skills information for living

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Save the Date!

The 15th Annual ScrabbleBee
 will be held April 21, 2016 at
 The Lismore Hotel &
 Conference Center, Eau Claire.

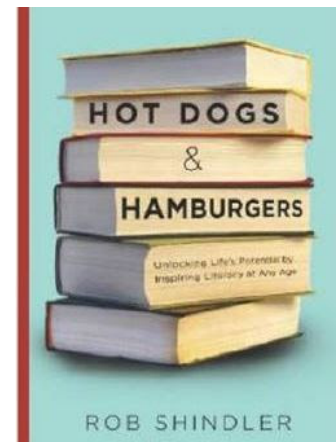
and succeeding in the United States. It would also be helpful with lower level learners as topics include applying for a job, renting an apartment, filing taxes, selecting insurance plans, and helping kids with school. We were able to purchase 15 licenses of Rosetta Stone software because of the grant, so the iPads have Rosetta Stone downloaded on them.



The iPads and guides will be available to tutors to use with their students. Let a Literacy Volunteers staff member know if you would like to check out an iPad or receive a copy of the guide. Thanks again, Franciscan Sisters!

Discussion Groups This Week

It's not too late to take part in a discussion group for the book "Hot Dogs and Hamburgers – Unlocking Life's Potential by Inspiring Literacy at Any Age".



Here is the list of locations and dates:

- * L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, Sept. 30th
- * Menomonie Public Library, Sept. 30th
- * Chippewa Falls Public Library, Oct. 1st
- * Altoona Public Library, Oct. 1st.

All the groups will start at 6:00 PM. Bring along your copy of *Hot Dogs and Hamburgers*, and be prepared for an interesting discussion.

Contact us now at info@lvcv.org if you are interested in being a sponsor for this one-of-a-kind community event.

GED Update

Since our last issue, Chippewa County Jail student Cody passed the GED Math test and has completed his GED. Cody is now working on his HSED.

Congratulations, Cody!

Goodsearch

LVCV is connected to Goodsearch. To learn more about how you can raise funds for LVCV through this program, [click here](#).

Thrivent Choice

LVCV is now listed in Thrivent Choice's charitable grant program. Find us on their website in the searchable online catalog. Thrivent Financial will direct Choice Dollars to us in a particular month.

The students, tutors, board members and staff of Literacy Volunteers are reading this book as part of the Wisconsin Literacy's Statewide READ as we celebrate National Literacy Month. If you haven't had an opportunity to read it yet, check out a copy today.

Board Profile: Michael Ahrens

Literacy Volunteers Board Member Michael Ahrens works for US Bank in Eau Claire as a Private Client Group trust administrator/relationship manager. He comes to this position via a circuitous route, starting with a degree in biological sciences from



Western Michigan University (2002) and a master degree in entomology from the University of Wisconsin Madison (2005) where he studied the genetics of fire ants. After this foray into the sciences, and perhaps a few too many ant stings, he shifted his focus to obtaining his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School (2008). He worked for a number of years at an Eau Claire law firm where his practice focused on estate planning before transitioning to his current position. When Michael isn't at work, he's happily at home with his wife and two children, gardening, biking, traveling, writing, and of course, reading!

LVCV Serves at Community Table



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Mary Ward, Linda Bolgren and Barb Nelson serve up meals at Community Table on Tuesday, September 8th, which was International Literacy Day. Thank you to all of the board members, staff, tutors and other volunteers who helped LVCV serve at Community Table Sept. 8th and 10th.

Forklift Training Students at CDC



Luis Luna and William Ramirez are in the process of completing forklift training at the Career Development

Center (CDC). They are also getting additional warehouse experience at Feed My People Food Bank. If you know a student who could benefit from such a training experience, contact your LVCV staff member.

For more photos, go to <https://www.flickr.com/photos/lvcv/albums/72157658850995840>.

Back to School for Family Literacy Students



Students went back to school at Family Literacy on September 2nd. Classes meet Monday-Thursday mornings. To find out about openings, call [715-835-0610](tel:715-835-0610).

Board Members Tour Family Literacy



LVCV Board members visited the Family Literacy classrooms at the Wilson Building on Sept. 22. Left to right are Marianne Klinkhammer, Barb Nelson (Family Literacy Coordinator), Lisa Patrow, Leah Motschenbacher, Carlton Brumbelow and Tom Giffey.

Need Help?

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