

# Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County

Spring 2019

Thank you to the community for supporting us through United Way!



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“Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope.” Kofi Annan

***Our Free Book Store is located on 38 William Street, Lyons***

### **Winter Hours:**

**Monday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Tuesday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Wednesday and Thursday CLOSED**

**Friday 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Saturday and Sunday CLOSED**

## **Letter From The Director!**

***Hello!***

***Time certainly has a way of moving quickly! I can hardly believe that we are in March already! Hope the winter weather has been tolerable for everyone, but I am already looking forward to the first signs of Spring.***

***In review of the past year it has been generally a good one for Literacy Volunteers. Our Scrabble Tournament and Spelling Bee were great successes, raising over \$8,400 all together! Thanks to all of the great folks who supported us!***

***I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all our Personnel, Office, Tutors, Volunteers and Supporters who have worked throughout the year and for their commitment to Literacy Volunteers.***

***Thanks for all you do!***

***-Chris***

A graphic with the words "Thank You" written in a white, cursive font, surrounded by white radiating lines, set against a dark grey background.

## Useful Literacy Websites!

- New York local library system:  
[www.owwl.org/read](http://www.owwl.org/read)
- Clearinghouse of great resources for teachers, tutors and students:  
[www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org)
- Impressive non-profit online learning academy with videos: [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)
- Free, printable worksheets organized by grade level and subject matter:  
[www.tlsbooks.com](http://www.tlsbooks.com)
- Website with various math equations: [Math-aids.com](http://Math-aids.com)
- Remember Tutors and Students! If you find any useful tools please share them with us, so we can share them with others.

## New Employee!

Hello Everyone!

My name is Warn, and I am the new Program Assistant here at Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County. I am turning 30 soon, and grew up in the Macedon area. I have experience working with the disabled community, and I hope to put my skills to use here at LV Wayne. My background in computers means I will be heading up the Digital Literacy course soon. Keep your eyes peeled for the new schedule!

You will see me working on our new program CRS 2.0 (More on that on page 7), and I will also be administering TABE tests. Feel free to



## Mr. Poole's Good Advice

### Family Literacy 15 Minutes a Day!

15 Minutes of reading per day is the best gift to give your children and yourself this winter. Family Literacy is essential in the lives of children, it's like nutrition for the brain. When children are read to they hear the sound of your voice, learn important vocabulary, learn inflection, tone, and see firsthand, the modeling of a lifelong skill. Each week with our school based reading rounds, we talk with our students about reading for at least 15 minutes per day. It is a great way to start a daily routine that can become an early building block for improved literacy and love for reading.

If you struggle as reader yourself and wish to improve, let the pictures in the book be your guide. Talking with children helps them identify key aspects of the book and helps them make predictions as to what might happen next. It may seem simple, which it is, but it can really help children at home become more engaged in the classroom, and encourages problem solving skills.



Happy Reading and Happy Holidays! May this become a new tradition for some and a continued tradition for others? May your reading take you on a wonderful adventure!

# Tutors Wanted!

If that special tutor could be you, contact Heidi at 315-946-5333 to get started!

- Math tutoring for the Lyons area. Class will be held at the Literacy Volunteers of Wayne office. Pre-TASC and TASC level Math. Dates and times up for negotiation.
- ESOL Learner from Newark needs a tutor in the evenings. They have an intermediate grasp of English, and are already enrolled in our ESPG. Learner would like to also have a one-to-one tutor.
- ESOL Learner from Sodus. Their only availability for a tutor is on Friday evening at this point. This learner does not speak any English right now.
- BLL Learner from Macedon, in group home environment, who is looking to improve their reading ability. They plan to eventually obtain a Driver's License.
- 3 ESOL Learners from Sodus/Williamson area. All three have an Intermediate grasp of English. Ideally all three would prefer tutoring together, but they are willing to split up if required. They need to begin tutoring ASAP. Most of them have tutored with Literacy Volunteers of Wayne in previous years and are dependable.
- Experienced and patient tutor needed for a BLL learner. They are available during the day in Newark.
- General ESOL tutors needed for the Wolcott area.



## Do you have Scrabble Mania?



The 2018 Team Scrabble Mania and Silent Auction was held on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup>. In Scrabble Mania, teams compete to build the highest scoring board within a limited time. Along with the game, participants and spectators also had a chance to bid in a Silent Auction on a variety of items donated by local businesses. One of the biggest auction items was a week stay at a lakeside cabin donated by Tom Gerula. Special thanks to Dave Bullard, who volunteered as Master of Ceremonies and to the Lyons Community Center for hosting the event.

Winners for 2018 were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Triple JQXZs**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place and Most Words – Alpha Women**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Word Wigglers**

This event raised over \$3,200 to support free literacy programs for adults and children in our community.



## Spelling Bee Celebrates 20 years!



Every year the 10 Rotary Clubs of Wayne County unite to host the **Wayne County Rotary Spelling Bee** as a fun event to help raise awareness and funds to address the literacy needs here in our own community. Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year the 2019 Spelling Bee saw ten teams from across Wayne County and surrounding areas compete for the prestige of winning the Bob Nary Traveling Trophy and other prizes donated by local businesses.

Winners for 2019 were:

**1st Place- Razorfish Reciters**, sponsored by The Arc Wayne

**2nd place- Team BET**, Self-sponsored

**3rd Place- Literary Literati**, sponsored by the Literacy Volunteers' Board of Directors

This year's Spelling Bee raised over \$5,200 which will support our numerous and essential community programs!

# New Programs!

## Core Rehabilitation Services (CRS 2.0)

We will start providing Adult Career and Continuing Education Services- Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) services soon! ACCES-VR assists individuals with disabilities to achieve and maintain employment through training, education, rehabilitation, and career development. These services are for individuals with disabilities that interfere with getting or keeping a job or who have difficulty advancing at their job. VR services may only be provided if your goal is employment. To apply for ACCES-VR contact the Rochester District Office at 109 South Union Street 585-238-2900 or 800-462-0178 Or visit their website at (<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr>)



Here at Literacy Volunteers of Wayne County will be providing the following adult only services for ACCES-VR clients:

### 123X- Self Advocacy for Employment:

Participants will learn skills and develop a plan to help navigate through their career exploration and employment challenges. These include: Recognizing personal strengths and talents, Identifying compensatory skills, Understanding disability specific accommodations, Learning rights under ADA Title 1 and when/how to request accommodations, and Obtaining skills needed to identify personal needs and wants.

### 125X- Work Readiness I- Soft Skills:

Participants will gain knowledge and experience that will help in the acquisition of soft skills. Topics include: Soft vs Hard skills, Top skills employers want, Acceptable workplace conduct, Workplace cultures, Personal work motivation, and Daily living skills that impact employment.

### 625X- Work Readiness II- Skills Development:

Through direction instruction, role play, and supported hands on activities, participants will be introduced to the following skills: Greeting customers, Handling money, Completing paperwork, Cleaning, Organizing, Filing, General office tasks, Digital literacy, Assisting customers, and Various other hard skills.

## Are You Interested in Becoming a Board Member?

### **What Does the Board of Directors Do?**

Board members have the essential task of overseeing the organization, setting policy and making sure that the organization is achieving the goals of its mission. To do this, board members create and amend policy and help with long-range planning to make sure Literacy Volunteers can continue to help Wayne County. Board members also help Literacy Volunteers succeed by assisting with fundraising, as well as serving on committees to help with specific aspects of the organization they are most interested in or where their talents are best used.

### **What Are the Benefits of Serving on the Board?**

The main reason to serve on a nonprofit board is, of course, to make a difference in your community. But here are more great reasons:

- **Experience:** Prior experience is ideal, but both board members and staff are happy to help teach and advise you in every area needed. You will learn everything you need to know!
- **Build your skill set:** Hone your current skills while serving on a board, and learn new skills to add to your Resume and LinkedIn profile. Experienced board members are valuable employees.
- **Enhance your career:** In your job, you may have to report to or serve on for-profit board of directors, and skills needed are different from those used in a staff meeting.
- **Ambassadorial Work:** Board members are the face of our Non-Profit, and represent our goals and ideals. The position of board member is crucial to our decision making and functionality.
- **Networking:** The board of directors of a Non-Profit that helps a cause you believe in will be full of individuals with goals and values similar to your own. It is a great place to meet like-minded people with diverse backgrounds who will add to your sphere of influence, community, and business contacts.
- **Challenge:** It's never a good idea to let yourself get stuck in a rut. Exposing yourself to new ideas and new encounters will help you broaden your mind and make you more effective in many aspects of your life.

If this appeals to you please contact our office at (315) 946-5333

You can also check out all of our available volunteer opportunities by checking our current listings with Volunteer Match at [www.volunteermatch.org/search/org5018.jsp](http://www.volunteermatch.org/search/org5018.jsp)



When Shopping Online Donate to use without spending extra money! Next time you shop at Amazon, go to: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com),

Then enter Literacy volunteers of Wayne County as your chosen Non-Profit!

Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to support us, and *you don't pay any extra on your purchase!* Every little bit helps, Thank you!

### Our Mission:

*To promote increased literacy in our community through a variety of programs that provide opportunities for adults to learn, encourage reading in the community, and help children succeed in school.*

Board President

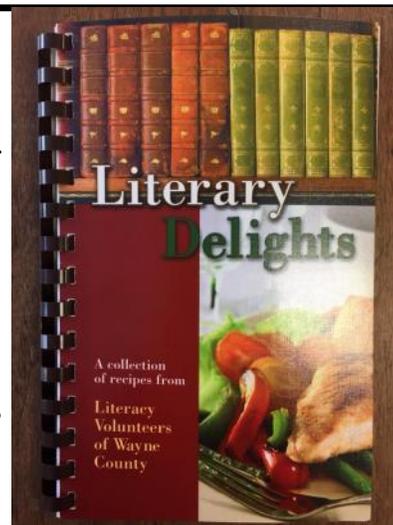
Laura Burghdorf

Executive Director

Chris Edgar



For those who don't know, we have a delightful cook book available for 5\$ a piece! There are hundreds of recipes and useful tips such as: how to stock a pantry, common spices, tips for baking, measurements, cooking dictionary, and equivalency charts!

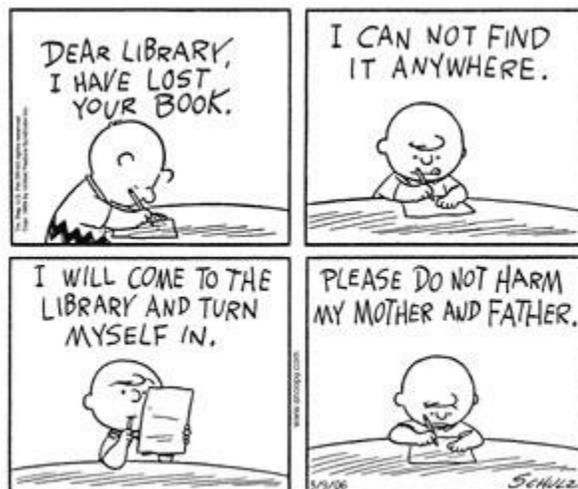


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## Save the Date!

Board Meeting - April 22nd

Student and Volunteer Recognition Ceremony- Date To Be Determined





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 Lyons, NY 14489

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## Most Common Pets

R	I	E	L	A	N	D	E	H	C	D	T	G	A	DOG
D	S	A	E	R	T	T	R	I	N	S	R	N	K	CAT
I	G	A	L	A	G	U	A	A	O	H	I	I	K	HAMSTER
S	I	E	E	E	A	I	R	N	Z	R	U	H	B	FISH
I	A	I	R	T	F	L	P	T	A	I	T	D	M	MOUSE
R	A	T	U	R	R	E	S	A	L	U	L	U	O	GUINEA PIG
R	E	T	S	M	A	H	R	N	E	E	G	T	U	BIRD
L	I	S	T	I	A	S	D	R	A	N	U	I	S	SNAKE
I	L	E	N	E	R	F	E	O	E	K	I	I	E	IGUANA
B	H	H	F	I	A	T	L	A	G	T	E	U	I	FERRET
R	M	C	A	T	F	I	S	H	T	L	N	A	G	GERBIL
E	C	H	I	N	C	H	I	L	L	A	E	K	G	CHINCHILLA
G	I	A	E	M	T	C	H	I	C	K	E	N	I	CHICKEN
E	I	I	H	E	G	R	S	A	I	I	F	N	N	LIZARD
														TURTLE
														RAT

## Answer Key:

R	I	E	L	A	N	D	E	H	C	D	T	G	A	DOG
D	S	A	E	R	T	T	R	I	N	S	R	N	K	CAT
I	G	A	L	A	G	U	A	A	O	H	I	I	K	HAMSTER
S	I	E	E	E	A	I	R	N	Z	R	U	H	B	FISH
I	A	I	R	T	F	L	P	T	A	I	T	D	M	MOUSE
R	A	T	U	R	R	E	S	A	L	U	L	U	O	GUINEA PIG
R	E	T	S	M	A	H	R	N	E	E	G	T	U	BIRD
L	I	S	T	I	A	S	D	R	A	N	U	I	S	SNAKE
I	L	E	N	E	R	F	E	O	E	K	I	I	E	IGUANA
B	H	H	F	I	A	T	L	A	G	T	E	U	I	FERRET
R	M	C	A	T	F	I	S	H	T	L	N	A	G	GERBIL
E	C	H	I	N	C	H	I	L	L	A	E	K	G	CHINCHILLA
G	I	A	E	M	T	C	H	I	C	K	E	N	I	CHICKEN
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