

# Literacy Volunteers-Androscoggin Newsletter Spring 2019

OUR MISSION is to provide free, one-on-one tutoring and other educational services to help adults in Androscoggin County acquire the basic reading, writing, and math skills they need to enhance their lives and achieve their personal goals.

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Tutor Training will be held June 13 & 14 at USM-LAC

Pre-Registration is required. Call 753-6658 or email: <u>literacy @literacyvolunteers</u> <u>andro.org</u>

FMI: www.literacyvolunteers andro.org/Tutor

## 45th Annual Annual Meeting Celebrate With Us!

Join us for a festive and inspiring morning with a delicious breakfast buffet, numerous door prizes, and recognition of our wonderful volunteers and students at the Literacy Volunteers-Androscoggin 45th Annual Meeting, at the Auburn Methodist Church, 439 Park Ave., Auburn, Maine.

Annual Meeting is a big deal for all of us because it gives us the opportunity to recognize the amount of determination, courage and hard work that our students, tutors, and everyone associated with LV invest to help people gain life-changing skills.

Tutors, if your student had been in the program six months or more, and they have worked hard towards accomplishing their goals, please let us know. We will create a certificate of recognition and make sure that they receive it, even if they cannot attend the meeting. Please email or call to let us know by June 13th.

Help us celebrate the achievements of our students and volunteers on Saturday, June 22, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. RSVP by June 17<sup>th</sup>, by emailing: <u>literacy@literacywolunteers andro.org</u> or calling 753-6658.



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KNOWLEDGE AS POWER FAMILY LITERACY

Our mission is to improve the literacy of adults, increase the school readiness of preschool children, better the performance of school-age children acknowledge the parent as primary educator, and

KAP is a home-based family literacy program that provides one-on-one tutoring for both parents and children. KAP is open to families in the community who want to and need to improve their literacy skills. For information, call Literacy Volunteers-Androscoggin at 753-6658

## KAP FAMILY LITERACY

Most kids learn best "by doing" and that belief holds true in Family Literacy. What we do provides preschoolers and elementary aged children with a variety of hands on learning activities. Both children and their parents have the opportunity to experience learning through active discovery.

Exploring nature and the world around us opens the learning door to a variety of art, science, and language rich hands on learning. With

any science or nature topic, there is vocabulary to learn, concepts to explore and test, and of course, writing about what was observed or has happened. Most importantly, active learning helps parents and children to see how literacy is integral to all learning.

Spring time is a great time to explore some easy hands on science literacy activities. Kids and parents can use recycled items to create a

collage of their favorite place and then add a written description to their collage. Also, this is a great time to explore plant life by observing and recording how plants grow. For example, try planting a few bean seeds in a clear container with wet paper towels and a little water and watch what happens. Write down a prediction, record your process, and illustrate how the beans look in the container. After a few days, observe what is happening and record any changes. This simple process involves reading directions, writing information and drawing a diagram to add meaning all important parts of overall literacy.

Of course, reading time is a valuable component of Family Literacy. Many kids enjoy exploring non-fiction books, while others love fiction and picture books. All

> reading is good reading. Sometimes kids want to read to learn more about a topic and sometimes kids want to just enjoy the story of a fiction book. Either way, modeling reading together is an important part of the Family Literacy Program.

> Using hands on learning in conjunction with reading time not only helps to engage children and their parents in the key components of literacy: reading,

writing, and thinking; it adds the joy of creativity and fun to learning.

- Joyce Bucciantin, KAP Child Educator



#### ENGLISH CONVERSATION PARTNERS

#### English Conversation Partners Training for LV-A Tutors

If you are already an LV-A tutor, are working with a student from another country, or would like to, this training is for you. Our ELL teacher, Bonnie Shulman, is available mornings, afternoons or evenings on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will offer at least two of these workshops, and will schedule them to fit the majority of those that would like to attend. The training takes one and a half to two hours, depending on the number of participants.

#### English Conversation Partners Training for LV-A Newbies

Help an adult from another country gain the English speaking skills and cultural information they need to succeed in the USA. As mentioned above, this two hour workshop will be scheduled on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, based on what works for the majority of the attendees.

Interested? Please call 753-6658 or email:

literacy@literacyvolunteersandro.org.

Details and application can also be found on our website at www.literacyvolunteersandro.org/ Tutors



"The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it." —William James, philosopher and psychologist

## "SMILE AND THE WORLD SMILES WITH YOU." STANLEY GORDON WEST

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bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization," Amazon asserts.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. They will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com

will result in a donation to LV-A.

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Thelma Cunningham Trena Dubois Judy Webber

#### **15 YEARS OR MORE**

Marty Corey Nancy Daniels Bob Gardner Phil Marquis Suzie Stover

#### **10 YEARS OR MORE**

Norm Chamberlain Linda Connelly Rita James Julie Landry Perrin Lumbert Irene Noyes Susan Reilly Pete Small Martha Thompson Paul Valliere

#### **8** YEARS OR MORE

Mike Adams Wendy Ambrose Elizabeth Eames Sharon Gray Jim Handy Ginny Marczak Bob Pelletier Michelle Rioux

### 7 YEARS OR MORE

Susan Donar Sharon Handy Amy McDonough Marcia Mullen Jan O'Brien Anna Robbins

### **6** YEARS OR MORE

Rose-Marie Charest Mary Beth Moyer Susan Onion Marcela Peres Elizabeth Scott

## LV-A VOLUNTEERS

#### **5 YEARS OR MORE**

Mary Callahan Joan Cyr Carl Guignard Justin Leary Barbara Marston Sue Rowe Christine Sirois

#### **4 YEARS OR MORE**

Jane Brodsky Daniel Hamann Jo-Jean Keller Suzanne LaFlamme David Selditz Judy Vardamis

#### **3** YEARS OR MORE

Chris Banbay David Charns Shelly Chasse-Johndro Barbara Connell Sheila Gray Susan Lea Vickie Morgan Anita Plourde

#### 2 YEARS OR MORE

Roberta Beal Leslie Brown Sam Boss Carmen Castonguay Mel Cloutier Mary Crockett Andrea DeLeon Lily Greene Stewart Greene Lena Hann Ben Lounsbury Gina Melaragno Ruth Merriam Marj Patrick Mark Schlotterbeck Bettyann Sheats Dawn Ward Lisa Ward

#### **1 YEAR OR MORE**

Stephanie Beck-Dubé Gail Brown Sara Boss Joyce Bucciantini Margaret Craven Pat Doustot Sandy Dyer Lynn Fuller Roger Fuller Julia Jozwiak Raymond Lagueux Patriacia Makley Susan Ryno **Tiffany Stanley** Ann Tartre Lindsey Walker Dawn Ward Fredda Wolfe

## NEW IN 2018/19

Ann Adams Lynn Busch David Chittim Laurie Frumiento Carmen Hunter Terri Lutian Forreste McCormick Mary Ann Murdock Roben Selditz Carol St. Pierre Paula White

Thank you!





**Letters for Literacy** 

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# Scrabble Fest

was held April 28, 2019

Scrabble Fest 2019 was a success with over \$6,900 being raised! Thank you to all those who volunteered, played, donated, and sponsored the event. LV-A would like to extend a special thank you to David Charns of WMTW for being a wonderful emcee.

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Thanks, too, to Isabella Doucette-St. Onge for the design of the 2019 Scrabble Fest logo and her teacher Sylvie St. Amand at the Multimedia Technology program at the Lewiston Regional Technical Center.

#### WINNING TEAMS

<u>Social</u> "Word'em" Tony Poulin Flo Poulin Jenn Nadeau Pris Lizotte

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Top Fundraisers — Thank you!

# VEGETABLES Word Search

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## THINGS TO DO WITH A CHILD IN YOUR LIFE

- Pick a letter of the alphabet and then take one page of a book or the newspaper and see who can find the most words that begin with that letter.
- Make a visit to the library!
- Choose a super power and make up a story about how you would use it.





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