



Hivemind

THE HEAT IS ON

Summer is here and The Rowan County Literacy Council is ablaze with activity. Our Summer Reading Program for Youth, operating in conjunction with the Salisbury Housing Authority, is well underway and *has doubled in size* since last summer! Teams of tutors are pulling out all the stops to keep kids learning and engaged over the summer break (details on p.3). Four new tutors have earned their wings and are jumping in to lend a hand (p. 4). We also bid a fond farewell to Phyllis Martin who stewarded the Literacy Council tirelessly for 20 years (p. 5).

MILESTONES

Completed workbook level: Gary Rash’s student, one of Barry Whenal’s students

Read a book for pleasure: One of Ray Costello’s students, one of Denise Jacob’s students, Rita Sims’ student, one of Char Molrine’s students

A Blast from the Past: Last month former student Larry Reynolds stopped by to express his condolences over the recent passing of former Executive Director Phyllis Martin. Reynolds was a Literacy Council student for six years from 1999 until 2005. During that time he worked with tutors Pat Sylvester and Lillian Smith, and was steadily encouraged by Martin. Through persistent hard work, he strengthened his reading and writing skills and eventually enrolled in and graduated from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. Reynolds recalled his time as a RCLC student fondly saying, “The Literacy Council was a blessing to me.” He has an active mind and his love for reading and writing continues—he reads the paper, helps his grandson with homework, and is now working on a memoir. We can’t wait to read it, Larry!



Former student Larry Reynolds stopped by the Literacy Council office in June.



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PERSISTENCE = PROGRESS

Good attendance is the key to steady progress. Our Persistence Program recognizes students for good attendance. Every month, students who have attended six or more hours of classes are entered into a drawing for a prize. A grant from a generous community donor has enabled us to pilot this program to incentivize attendance.

Our three latest winners are Claudie Boyd (March), Gladys Mollinedo (April) and Thomas McCoy (May). Their tutors **Ray Costello, Catherine Soderberg, and Doug McKenzie** are to be commended for always

encouraging their students to make learning a top priority.

Summer vacations can cut into class time, so if you or your student will miss a class, try to reschedule the missed lesson or add 30 minutes to later lessons to make up the lost time. Congratulations to Claudie, Gladys, and Thomas for exemplifying persistence.



Gladys Mollinedo shows off her attendance certificate (above). Claudie Boyd and tutor Ray Costello are all smiles (bottom right). Not pictured, May winner Thomas McCoy.



It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.

~Albert Einstein

LIBRARY HOURS

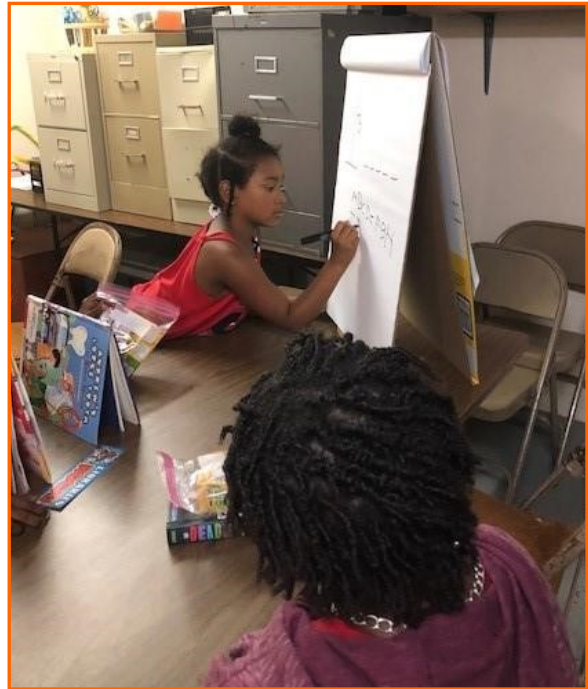
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UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

September 1 & 3	Holiday—Library Closed (Labor Day)
November 12	Holiday—Library Closed (Veterans' Day)
November 22 & 23	Holiday—Library Closed (Thanksgiving)

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM—FEEDING HUNGRY MINDS

Last year the Rowan County Literacy Council piloted a summer reading program at two Salisbury Housing Authority communities, East Lafayette and Brookview. The idea was to partner with the city’s Summer Meals Enrichment Program: they

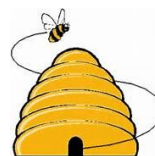


would deliver lunch and we would deliver engaging programs to the children. It worked, and this year we decided to expand to two additional communities, Linn Lane and Pine Hills. At each site, teams of tutors work with the children to keep them engaged and learning over the summer break. **Tutor Rochelle Kirkland** led the program last year at East Lafayette, and this year she shared many of her creative lesson plans with tutors who were new to the program. The program is a great success and kids are reading, writing, experimenting, laughing, and learning. (Note: the tutors are having a pretty good time too.)



Clockwise from top, a student plays hangman, Tutor Don Doering uses a map to teach geography, Tutor Matt Scott leads a word game, students work on a time-telling activity, and Jennifer Doering makes slime with her class.

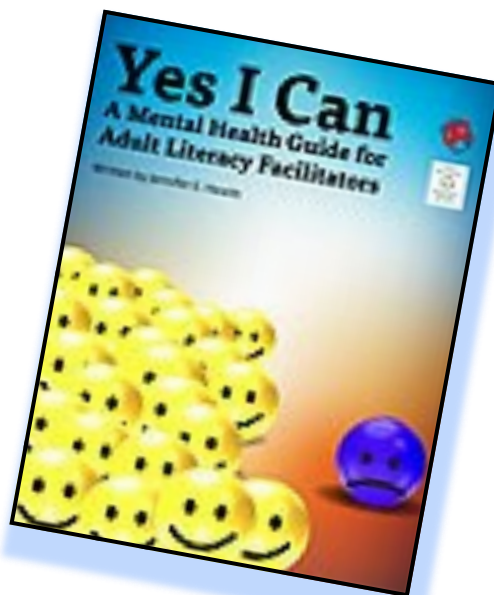
The Buzz



TUTOR INFO ZONE: MENTAL HEALTH GUIDE

Project Read, a Canadian organization, has compiled a comprehensive guide to help members of adult literacy agencies better understand and support students with mental health concerns. The guide, called “Yes I Can—A Mental Health Guide for Adult Literacy Facilitators,” includes information on many conditions and disorders, including depression, trauma recovery, learning disabilities, and sensory issues.

Tutor Catherine Soderberg has proposed a get-together for tutors interested in discussing the topic of tutoring students with mental health conditions. If you are interested in sharing experiences and insights related to mental health with your fellow tutors, please contact the office.



WELCOME TO THE HIVE!

Come on in, the water's fine... Please welcome new tutors Rita Sims, Dan Durett, Donna Preslar, and Meghan Maxey to the Literacy Council. The latest recruits have completed their ProLiteracy training courses and are off to a great start. Rita is a retiree working with an ESL student who is pursuing her GED, Dan is new to Salisbury and is working with a husband and wife studying English together, Donna works full time but will be coming in after work to help an ABE student with comprehension, and Meghan is volunteering with the Summer Youth Program and working with an adult ESL student until she returns to college in the fall. We are happy to have them on board!



New tutors (top) Rita Sims and Dan Durett, (bottom) Donna Preslar and Meghan Maxey.

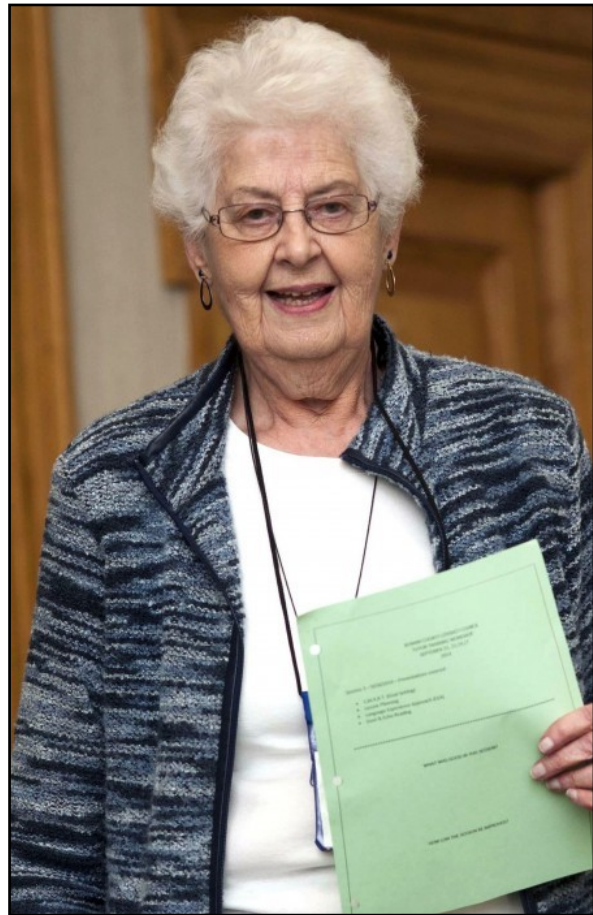
IN MEMORIAM: PHYLLIS MARTIN, LITERACY CHAMPION

In the world of Rowan County non-profit organizations, Phyllis Martin, who passed away May 26, 2018, was a legend. She helmed the Rowan County Literacy Council as volunteer Executive Director for nearly 20 years. A tireless advocate for adult literacy, she was the heart of the organization for many years.

Martin became a tutor in 1994 and assumed the directorship in 1995. She retired from the post, *for which she accepted no pay*, in September 2014 at almost 90 years of age. During that time she shepherded the agency through many changes while always keeping her eye on the target of eradicating illiteracy in Rowan County.

She held both tutors and students in high esteem, well aware of the sacrifices and dedication of both groups. Of students, she once remarked, "The most courageous thing our students do is walk through our doors and say 'I need help.'"

In homage to Martin's passion for adult litera-



Top: Phyllis Martin, former Executive Director of the Rowan County Literacy Council, in a Salisbury Post photo from 1994. Bottom left: Martin enjoying the 2011 Scrabble Scramble fundraiser.



cy, her family requested that any memorial donations be directed to the Literacy Council in her name. RCLC has received numerous generous donations in her name, which is a fitting tribute to the difference she made in her community and in people's lives.

The Literacy Council is honored to carry on her important work and is grateful for her years of selfless dedication.

RCLC WHO'S WHO

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BY THE NUMBERS...

\$24.69

Estimated national value of each volunteer hour. RCLC tutors log some serious hours over the course of the year. Classroom hours are the most apparent, but Prep hours and Travel hours are important too. Tutors spend many hours preparing lesson plans, researching student aids, reading up on adult literacy research, and traveling to and from the instruction site. Tutors give their valuable time for free and are our most important asset.

—Source: IndependentSector.org/Value-of-Volunteer-Time-2018/

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Number of students currently on RCLC's waiting list. We currently have eight students waiting to get started. Can you take on a new student? Do you know someone who would make a great tutor? Let's get this number down to zero!

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