



Hivemind

RCLC'S NEW QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Hivemind, the new quarterly newsletter of the Rowan County Literacy Council!

Why Hivemind, you ask? When considering names for this publication, we wanted to capture the collaborative effort that goes into creating a successful team, while also recognizing that the work that tutors do is, by definition, independent and self directed. Given these two seemingly opposing characteristics--collaboration and autonomy--the metaphor of a beehive sprang to mind. In a hive, individual bees work *independently* toward a *common goal* for the benefit of the community. The end result is **sweet success**.

Honeybees work in concert within a colony, performing necessary tasks at different stages of their lives. When they are young they are "house bees" or "nurse bees" later they become "field bees" and "guard bees." At RCLC, we have high-school volunteers supporting our work with the summer youth literacy program, new tutors coming on board and learning the ropes, experienced tutors who nurture students and guide their peers, and board members and administrators who keep the whole operation humming along. Every member of the RCLC hive is vitally important; we appreciate all of our busy bees!

MILESTONES

Completed workbook level: One of Don Doering's students, Cathy Shive's student, one of Donna Hahn's students, and two of Ray Costello's students

Enter/improve employment: Kathy Vestal's student, Larry Summey's student, one of Don Doering's students

Bought or read books for pleasure: Emma Rose's student and Emily Rider's student

Registered to vote: One of Anne Saunders' students

Obtained a U.S. Passport: One of Don Doering's students

And... drumroll please....

Became a U.S. Citizen: One of Nan Lund's students!



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 6 new tutors receive ProLiteracy certification
- Middle school skit focuses on literacy



ESL CORNER

Check out these great online resources for tutors of ESL students:

Huge repository of ESL lesson plans, articles, techniques, jokes & activities:

www.iteslj.org/

Idiomatic Expressions:

www.smart-words.org/quotes-sayings/idioms-meaning.html

www.englishforums.com/content/lessons/list-of-idioms.htm

Editing/Proofreading of Short texts:

www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/archives/edit.shtml

Subject-Verb Agreement:

www.mrshatzi.com/files/subject-verb-agreement-AB.pdf

Interactive grammar exercises:

<http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm>

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

—Confucius

LIBRARY HOURS

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
HQ*	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Closed
East	9:00 am - 8:00 pm	9:00 am - 8:00 pm	9:00 am - 8:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Closed
South	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Closed

2017 LIBRARY HOLIDAYS

September 4	Holiday– Library Closed (Labor Day)
November 10	Holiday– Library Closed (Veteran's Day)
November 24-25	Holiday– Library Closed (Thanksgiving break)
December 23-27	Holiday– Library Closed (Christmas break)

SCRABBLE SCRAMBLE WITH A TWIST



The Literacy Council's annual Scrabble Scramble fundraiser, held May 5th, at Trinity Oaks was a huge success, grossing over \$10,000. Teams of participants played several spirited rounds of Scrabble, with the Trinity Oaks team maintaining their traditional position on top of the leaderboard. A team of middle schoolers joined in the fun this year, along with several other teams fielded by the library and local businesses. A variety of raffle prizes donated by business such as South Main Book Company, Edward Jones, Caniche, Salisbury Salon & Spa, and many, many others, lent an added element of excitement to the evening.



Board Secretary Carolyn Myers and long-time tutor, trainer, and volunteer Clyde Harris are ready to welcome guests and sell raffle tickets.

STUDENT SKIT BRINGS LITERACY TO LIFE

In addition to the fierce competition and delicious food, this year the attendees were treated to a live performance of a skit entitled, "Literacy & Community," performed by Angelia Fleming's 7th Grade Language Arts class from North Rowan Middle School. The students wrote and choreographed the entire skit which highlighted the ways literacy impacted the lives of numerous historical figures, including Nelson Mandela, Thomas Edison, Michelle Obama, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

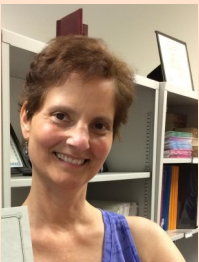


7th Grader Ali Khatib's portrayal of Alexander Hamilton brought down the house.



FRESH NEW FACES

In May and June, six new tutors completed ProLiteracy certification and began tutoring. A warm welcome to (from top to bottom) Debra Chirico, Samuel Drye, Denise Jacobs, Robin Martin, Jessica Walker, and Lisa Boguslaw.



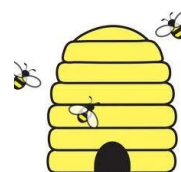
The Buzz

TUTOR INFORMATION ZONE

The Buzz will feature different ideas that tutors can incorporate into their lessons to inject excitement and keep students motivated and interested. Paced materials like Challenger or Laubach are a wonderful foundation for learning that supply a baseline and regular milestones, but don't be afraid to supplement with side materials from time to time.

Song Lyrics can be a great way to explore language and rhythm and can help auditory learners connect with the written word.

Ask your student to pick several songs with fun or meaningful lyrics. You can also pick a song. Print copies of the lyrics for your next class and spend time reading the lyrics aloud, talking about new vocabulary, and exploring meaning of the songs. You can also play the song on your phone or a laptop from the office to practice listening skills.



REMINDERS...

Please turn in **tutor time sheets by the 5th of the month**. Remember to include CLASS HOURS + PREP HOURS + TRAVEL HOURS. You may submit your hours on a pink time sheet dropped off at the office or upstairs reference desk, by email, by phone, or through the website at:

www.rcliteracy.org/monthly-tutoring-hours

Please **include any student milestones**, such as completion of a workbook, voter registration, voting, application for citizenship, granting of citizenship, passing all or part of the GED, gaining or improving employment, pleasure reading, and so on.

NEW MATERIALS

We have restocked the **American Lives Series**, which comes in 3 levels: High Beginning, Low Intermediate, and High Intermediate. The series includes short biographies of famous Americans such as Amelia Earhart, Sojourner Truth, Mark Twain, Jackie Robinson, César Chávez and many more. This engaging series is a great resource for students interested in applying for citizenship or preparing for the GED.



We have recently ordered two sets of **Pre-High School Equivalency Workbooks** which are designed for students interested in taking the GED exam. Pick up a copy of Pre-HSE: Reading Comprehension & Critical Thinking and Pre-HSE: Grammar, Spelling, and Writing Basics for your next class.



YOUTH LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

RCLC Executive Director KC Scott has big ideas about helping little readers. Traditionally, RCLC's programs have worked with adults, but after conversations with United Way mentors and community leaders, Scott decided to branch out into Youth Literacy.

First, RCLC launched a pilot program in Hurley Elementary during the last school year geared toward helping students who were reading below grade level. Then, after talking with Salisbury Housing Authority Director Sam Foust, Scott decided that we needed to do something to reach children in some of Salisbury's neediest communities.

After meeting with SHA representatives, a plan for a second youth literacy program took shape. In conjunction with the Summer Feeding program which provides free lunches in several sites around Salisbury, RCLC would send tutors to offer literacy enrichment programs for children in two housing authority communities, Brookview and East Lafayette. Materials were ordered, plans were made, and soon, children of all ages came walking through the doors.

Veteran tutor and RCLC Board member Helen Peacock is leading the charge at Brookview and tutor Rochelle Kirkwood is holding court at East Lafayette.

Both are assisted by high school-age volunteers.

Attendance is strong and the children's enthusiasm is proof that the plan has legs. SHA Coordinator Stephanie Bruce noted that the tutors had "really made a connection with the youth." Next year, RCLC hopes to expand the program to cover all four housing authority communities in Salisbury.



RCLC WHO'S WHO

2017 Board of Directors:

Melody Moxley-President

Helen Peacock-Vice-President

Vance Meek-Treasurer

Carolyn Myers-Secretary

Nan Lund

Gary Rash

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Kelly Freeze-RCCC Representative

Administration:

KC Scott-Executive Director

Laurel Harry-Program Coordinator

BY THE NUMBERS...

72%

Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves. These children are more likely to get poor grades, display behavioral problems, have high absentee rates, repeat school years, or drop out.

—Source ProLiteracy.org

43%

Of adults with the lowest literacy levels, 43 percent live in poverty, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels. There is a clear correlation between more education and higher earnings, and between higher educational scores and higher earnings.

—Source ProLiteracy.org

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Number of students currently on RCLC's waiting list. Every day matters. Please contact the office if you have time in your schedule to take on a new student!

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