

March, 2001

Introducing...

our new Program Coordinator, Laura Bohland. She has been an ESL tutor for several years and will continue to work in a volunteer capacity with her two learners, a married couple! Laura is currently pursuing her MA degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) at NAU.

Laura is looking forward to working for LVCC as the Program Coordinator because she will have the opportunity to help people, both learners and tutors, achieve their desires. She has been on a long search for a job with some heart, and she believes this is it.

Please welcome Laura and feel free to call her with any of your questions, problems, or concerns. She is available Tuesday - Friday from 1-5 pm. Laura can be reached at 556-0313, ext. 3.

Laura will pick up where Sandy Ryan left off. Sandy will still be tutoring, but wants to have more free time with her husband. Sandy writes,

"I have enjoyed my time at Literacy Volunteers and have enjoyed working with each of you and getting to know you. I will continue to tutor, so I hope to see you at the workshops or the library in the future."

Good luck, Sandy!

Motheread® Arizona Comes to Flagstaff

If you like to curl up with a good book, it may be because your mother or father taught you the art at an early age. Reading with young children develops language skills, appropriate social behavior, family harmony, and world knowledge. And it's a lot of fun, too.

Last January, LVCC staff attended Motheread® training in Phoenix. Motheread/Fatheread® is a national non-profit organization that has designed a beautiful curriculum for teaching parents literacy and family skills through children's literature. Our training was paid for by the Arizona Humanities Council, our travel by United Way's Success By 6 initiative. The first course will be made possible through support from the Arizona Humanities Council, Mountain and Plains Booksellers Association, and our local Head Start program.

Parents will attend 8 sessions, each focusing on a different children's book. There will be children's programming, pizza for supper, and best of all, each participant will receive the entire collection of books to use at home. This is a small group program, so space is limited. This course is free. If your learner is interested, call now! 556-0313.

Mountain Spelling Bee 2001

Are you a gud spellr? Do words like "lampyrid" get you excited? Come joyn us for our 5th Mountain Spelling Bee fundraiser on Thursday May 3 at the Radisson Woodlands Hotell. Our Spelling Bee is for adults onlie, not because the words are X-rated, but so the competition is on equal footing. Those young'uns are hard to beat!

Sixteen teams of three adults will compete for the grand prize (TBA!). There is a \$250 entry fee per team. Each team member will recieve a copy of the 2001 *Paideia*, the study guide published by Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee and dinner at the Radisson before the contest starts. LVCC will be helping teem members to find each other and team sponsors throughout March and early April. Call us if you have a team or would like to spell as a "free agent". Tickets for the evening event, including diner, are on sale for \$20! Help us rayse the funds we need to keep tuter services improving. See you their!

The first person that calls with the number of incorrectly spelled words in this article will receive a \$5.00 coupon good at Bookmans!

Last Chance to Win the Shonto Begay Painting!

This is the last chance to win an original painting by local Navajo artist Shonto Begay. Shonto's painting, "**Solitude in Pink**", is currently being raffled with proceeds to benefit LVCC. **Raffle tickets are \$20** each and available at LVCC or the public library. Tickets are going fast! You can see the painting at the public library above the Return Books room. It will be on display until the book festival drawing on March 31.

Join the Team

What do you like best about being a tutor? Tell a friend! Please refer any friends, family or neighbors who might be interested in tutoring to us at 556-0313. Check the calendar on the reverse side for dates and times for New Tutor Orientation and Tutor Training. **If you refer a tutor who completes training you will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Bookmans.** You can also support LVCC by bringing yourself, your learner and a friend to any of the events listed on the other side of this newsletter. **We've trained 21 tutors in 2001!**

A special thanks to Maryanne Fox for leading a group ESL class Monday and Friday in the morning. It's hard to find tutors who can meet at this time of day. Mary Ann helps us keep learners active while waiting for a tutor match.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH-APRIL

Monday, March 26 – Monday, May 14, 5:30 – 7:30 pm: Motheread ® program

Friday, March 30 – Sunday, April 1: 4th Northern Arizona Book Festival. Events will take place all over downtown and at the Cline Library auditorium. Tickets \$3.00 per event, \$20 for the entire festival, \$50 Friends of the Festival (includes invitation to the author's reception in the Zane Grey Ballroom and a poster). Tickets available at Starrlight Books.

Saturday, March 31: Drawing for Shonto Begay's "Solitude in Pink" at the author's reception.

APRIL

Saturday, April 14, 9am-12-pm: Dr. Jean Zukowski-Faust will give an in-service workshop, "Social and Cultural Diversity and the Adult ESL student".

Saturday, April 14, 1pm-3pm: New Tutor Orientation

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Thursday, May 3, 5:30 – 8:00 pm: Mountain Spelling Bee, 2001 Join the fun and raise some funds for LVCC as adults compete for the honor of best speller on the mountain. Dinner tickets are \$20. Deadline for contestants is April 20.

Thursday, May 17, 6:30 to 8:30pm: New Tutor Orientation

JUNE

Tuesday/Thursday, June 5&7 and 12&14, 6:00 - 8:30pm: ESL and Basic Literacy Tutor Training

An invitation to the Northern Arizona

Book Festival:

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

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4TH ANNUAL NORTHERN ARIZONA BOOK FESTIVAL, MARCH 30-APRIL 1, 2001

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THIS COUPON CAN BE REDEEMED AT ANY BOOK FESTIVAL

READING, POETRY SLAM, OR PANEL DISCUSSION