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Upcoming Events

New Tutor Orientation
Wed. May 28, 2003

New Tutor Orientation
Sat. May 31, 2003

New Tutor Training
First 2 Saturdays in June

OR

New Tutor Training

Tues. and Thurs. nights
in June

Summer workshops to be
announced soon.

Tutor Spells in 2003 Bee

by Vennie White

"It was a blast!" That's how LVCC tutor Marjorie Withrow described Literacy Volunteers' 2003 Mountain Spelling Bee. Marjorie was recruited to be part of the Flagstaff Live!/Mountain Living Magazine team. "I was very impressed with those two," she said, speaking of her teammates Ellie Moon and Mike Prokopeak, "Our world's in good hands."

"We didn't always agree," she added, "but we worked it out. We listened. It's about teamwork."

The "mental gymnastics" of the spelling competition appealed to Marjorie. "The ability to spell is getting to be a lost art," she said, so she was pleased to see other spellers, such as those on the Northland Preparatory Academy team, "The Northland Preppies", demonstrating their skills.

The Friends of the Library team: Gail Reed, Bonnie Larkin, and Jane Degher, won this year's Mountain Bee. Coming in second were the Northland Preppies: Rachel Tso, Nancy Landies, and Steve Danner. Their team was sponsored by Coast and Mountain Properties. Third place went to NAU's Applied Linguistics Doctoral Students, also known as "Randi's Spellers": Camilla Vasquez, Jim Jones, and Heidi Vellenga.

The Spirit Trophy went to the lively Wal-Mart fan club, whose antennae added to the evening's fun. Judi Cayton of Wal-Mart closed the evening by presenting a check for \$1,000 to Literacy Volunteers. Other major sponsors for this year's Bee were Flagstaff Live!/Mountain Living Magazine; APS; John Kalinch, CPA; Wells Fargo Bank; The Peaks Senior Living Community; and Confettis.

New and Improved LVCC Library!

As a result of a grant from the Thomas H. Maren Foundation, Mark Buzzard of Dell Creek Construction recently completed a major library renovation, making it better than we had possibly imagined. The library now has appropriate shelving, a new window, more storage, and great lighting for tutoring. Now we are ready to order more materials! Let us know if there's something you need: books, tapes, software, etc.

Tutor Harriet Brown has spent many devoted hours creating a library catalog and labeling our books. Tutors, you are welcome to use the space to meet with your learner during our office hours. Please call us to set a schedule.

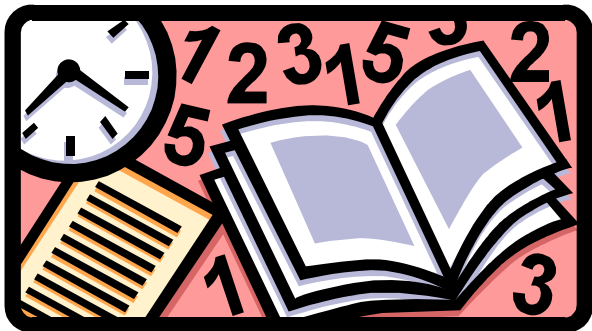
Also, the new computers are finally online! These computers are available for tutors and learners together or for individual use. Stop by the office and check out the improvements!

Free Magazines for Learners

How would your learner like to read a magazine? How about the most current edition? How about one that is free? Thanks to the thoughtfulness of one of our tutors who works for the post office, it may be possible to get your hands on a magazine subscription that is currently in the undeliverable stacks.

We have decided that the easiest way to make this happen is to send LVCC your requests via telephone or email. Then we will find out if the magazine you desire is available. If it is, we'll have it brought here to LVCC for you to pick up every month. Don't know which one to pick? How about checking out the magazines at the library first, and then let us know your preferences.

What a great way for your learner to get motivated about reading for pleasure—either with you or on their own!



Pen Pals Anyone?

A tutor in Connecticut would like to set up a “pen pal” situation with learners outside his city. This young man is currently working with four high beginner ESL students; three from Poland and one from Iran. Becoming a pen pal would be a great writing experience as well as a confidence builder for learners.

If there is anyone out there who might be interested in setting up a pen pal relationship with these or other students, please contact the office. We will coordinate between learners. If this spurs a lot of interest, we can organize our own pen pal group through our ProLiteracy Connect List online. Hope we get some takers!

Immigration Issue

The April 21/28 edition of the *New Yorker* magazine includes a thought-provoking article by John Bowe under the heading: Annals of Labor. The piece is entitled “Nobodies: Does Slavery Exist in America?” The piece details the experience of undocumented Mexican agricultural workers in the state of Florida. A copy of the article is available in our office.

Do you know Anyone Who Would Like to Become a Tutor?

If you know of anyone who is interested in tutoring, please share the following information with them or have them call our office.

New Tutor Orientation: Main Public Library
Wed., May 28, 2003 6:00pm-8:00pm
OR Sat., May 31, 2003 10:30am-12:30pm

New Tutor Training: Location TBA

Part 1: Sat. June 7, 2003 10am-4pm

AND Part 2: Sat. June 14, 2003 10am-4pm
OR

Part 1: Tues. and Thurs. June 10 and 12

AND Part 2: Tues. and Thurs. June 17 and 19
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Learner Reads at Northern AZ Book Festival

One of the first events of this year's Northern Arizona Book Festival was the reading of a short essay written by LVCC student AND tutor, Julietta Herrera. Julietta read the essay before a large crowd assembled in Cline Library Friday night, April 11. Julietta wrote about her feelings of insecurity when she first came to the United States and the confidence and independence she has gained through her time with her tutor, Harriet Brown.

It was a very moving essay and Julietta read it with admirable poise. The audience responded with cheers and tears. If it were not too corny, I might say there wasn't a dry eye in the house. LVCC is so proud to have Julietta and Harriet as part of our organization. Are we doing good things in Flagstaff, or what? What is more, author Dave Eggers donated his fee to LVCC after hearing Julietta.



Thanks Book Fest Volunteers

This year several LVCC tutors helped collect the admission fees at some of the Northern Arizona Book Festival events. This money was donated directly to LVCC for adult tutoring programs. We really appreciate the support of the Northern Arizona Book Festival to raise awareness and funds for our program.

We want to give a big THANK YOU to Michael Bork, Harriett Brown, Hilary Giovali, Theresa Martinez, Ruth Porter-Tilman, Kathleen Varty, Vicki Wagner, and friends. LVCC collected over \$4000 this year in ticket sales. Thank you all so much for your efforts!

Work on the Internet, LVCC Computers Available!

Need ideas to enhance your lesson plans? Try out Dave's ESL Café: play an interactive game with your learner on the computer, including crossword puzzles, memory and more. Go to www.eslcafe.com, then choose 'Games' under categories, then choose 'A Game a Day'. There is a game to choose from for each day of the month. Choose the one that works for you and your learner! There are many more sources under 'Games' varying in difficulty. This may require checking out the site before the lesson. Check out www.eslflow.com for even more great ideas. Don't forget that we now have computers available here for tutor/learner use too. Have fun!

√√ Tutor Checklist √√

- √ Am I learner-centered?
- √ Do I ask for learner input?
- √ Are learners 50% of the lesson planning process?

Heads Up!! Closure of N. Humphreys

Sometime during this spring and summer the Arizona Department of Transportation will be closing N. Humphreys between Fine and Columbus. ADOT proposed the closure for April. It hasn't happened yet, but we expect it to happen any day now. There are signs up already in the vicinity. When it does officially close, we will lose our front

access and parking but our office will remain open. Look for new parking off the alley in our backyard or on any side street. The closest cross-streets are Hunt and Sullivan. Please call the office with questions about where to go. 556-0313. Sorry for any inconvenience! It is estimated that this construction will last about three months.



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*The Eastside Flagstaff Public
Library is now open!
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through literacy and
literature*

Musical Performance Benefits LVCC

The music was lively and the dancing lovely at the recent benefit concert for Literacy Volunteers orchestrated by tutor, Michael Sullivan, and a group of musicians, dancers, and students from Northern Arizona University.

This is the second Spring Concert Michael has arranged for LVCC, and it seems to get better each year. Michael plays and teaches clarinet, and his range is awesome. The evening featured classical and jazz pieces, modern dance, and a special appearance by the Frayed Knots, a bluegrass group.

The enthusiasm and energy of the performers was evident in each piece. What a positive experience a live performance can be for all of us.



Michael Sullivan and the Frayed Knots fiddled, picked, and sawed their way into the hearts of audience members to benefit Literacy Volunteers.