

# LITERACY OF NORTHERN NY

Literacy of Northern NY

## Scrabble Tournament



On Nov. 16, 2008 we will be hosting our 5th annual Scrabble Tournament. If you know of an organization, business, club, or any other group that would be interested in forming or sponsoring a team please contact them. If you would prefer not to, please give us the contact information and we will

gladly follow up.

Perhaps your family or friends would be interested in joining you in forming a team. The entry fee for a group, up to 4 members, is \$100.

If you know how to play scrabble, but don't want to be on a team; we need people the day of the tournament to help keep score for a team. We also need people to register the participants, to help with refreshments and to help with the silent auction, which is a new addition this year. If you have an item, that is new to excellent condition and you would like to donate it to a good cause, please let us know.

## What's New With Your Student?

If your student has started a new job, has had hours added to his job or has begun a second job, please let us know. If he/she has received any education

or training in any area, this should also be reported. Please send any news of changes in your student's life. Obtaining a driver's license, a library card, a

training certificate, participating in a community activity, or reducing dependence on public assistance are all viewed as reportable gains.

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### Special points of interest:

- We need suggestions for future in-services. What would you like those topics to be?
- If your email, address or phone # has changed please bring us up to date.
- If you'd be willing to take a second student please let us know. We need ESL tutors in Potsdam and BL tutors in Canton and Massena.

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## New Reading Series for Basic Literacy Students

Two new series of reading instruction books are available in North Country libraries. Please include these when planning lessons for your student .

The first is Achieving TABE Success in Reading and is available in levels E, M, D, and A. E level would be appropriate for readers in grade equivalent 2-3, while M level would be comfortable for 4-5 and D for 6 and above.

The second set is Reading Basics and it is available in levels, introductory, intermediate 1 and intermediate 2.

Upon scoring the initial placement test, we will be able to pinpoint those areas that need extra attention and the corresponding instruction these books provide.

Don't forget to submit your tutoring hours, if you haven't already done so.  
[www.proliteracynny.org](http://www.proliteracynny.org)

We are currently in the middle of a tutor training session that will end on Nov. 10, 2008.

### Good news about Students

\_Bette Bradshaw's student, AG has returned to Iran to a position as president of a university .

Laura Fregoe's Basic Literacy student, CS has found employment, and has recently moved into a more permanent position.

\_Pam Whittet's student, JM, has just passed her test for her driver's permit. She is also enrolled at Canton College in accounting.

### Input Needed

Our office in Watertown has asked us to request letters from our tutors and students containing words of support for the services we offer. These letters can help us obtain sorely needed funding which will allow us to continue offering these services. This can be a writing project you undertake with your student or a letter you wish to write

because you feel you are delivering a worthwhile service.

Please send these letters to us as soon as possible.