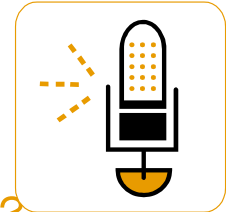


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## Feeling out of touch with us?

We are planning an in-service for all tutors. It will be held Saturday, October 20 from 9:30-12:30 in the Potsdam Emergency Complex Building, Community Room. We'll begin with some refreshments and follow that with several brief presentations of some new tutoring

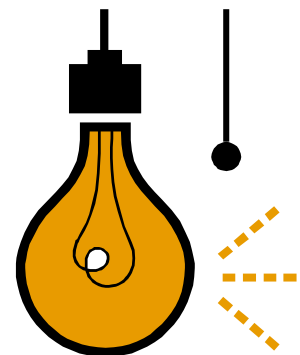
techniques and ideas to help you work with your student. Finally there will be time for you to talk about successes you've had with your student and to ask for help with any problems you've encountered. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to come and get to know other tutors and

learn something new. We need to know who will be able to join us, so please R.S.V.P. by calling us or e-mailing by September 5.

## Helpful info on the web

Try it; WE KNOW  
you'll like it!

If you are an internet user and haven't already visited the Literacy of Northern New York website, why not log on and try it out? You can find tips for tutors, links to interesting sites, information on upcoming events, and even a link to report tutoring hours. This information can be obtained by going to [www.proliteracynny.org](http://www.proliteracynny.org) and choosing "index."





Please return any books you may have to the Potsdam Literacy Office or the Potsdam Library if you are no longer actively using them with your student. We are in the process of conducting our annual inventory.

Literacy of Northern New York must hold one or sometimes two fundraisers a year to support the work of our organization. Each spring we host a Scrabble tournament, as most of you know. Although the 2007 event was a great success in terms of community involvement and name recognition for

us; it did not create the funding base we needed to recruit tutors and students and support them as they work together. This year we are attempting a second fundraiser. We will host a silent auction in November. Please watch the local newspapers for an announcement about this. We will

need donations that will be recognizable as to their inherent value, for example, a \$20.00 gift certificate to a local business. The items to be auctioned will be listed in local newspapers and at our county libraries. Bids will be accepted by phone, e-mail or in person.

## Goals and Achievements

Our funding is directly related to the achievement of goals by our students. In the initial interview, we ask our students what their goals are. They can be as diverse as getting a new job, achieving their GED, obtaining citizenship, additional training on the job or even attendance at an enrichment class, such as an art class. If your student shares a gain he or she has

made in any area of his or her life, it may be an achievement that we can report for him. PLEASE LET US KNOW.

## Local Achievement

Two tutors, Cynthia Vaphiades and later Lisa Wiggins, worked with a literacy student

who recently achieved his GED. This is quite an uncommon and significant gain for one of our

students. Your student may not earn a GED, but if he masters 20 new sight words or has other gains please let us know.

## Tutoring Hours

Tutor hours should be logged in the end of each quarter. The most efficient method is to enter the hours directly on the agency's website, [www.proliteracynny.org](http://www.proliteracynny.org). You can also mail, phone the office (265-1094), and e-mail hours (see front page). We are in the process of obtaining as many tutor emails as are available and will send a reminder at the end of

each quarter. July 1 to September 30, is the first quarter of our year.

October 1 to December 31, is the second quarter.

January 1 to March 31 is the third quarter and

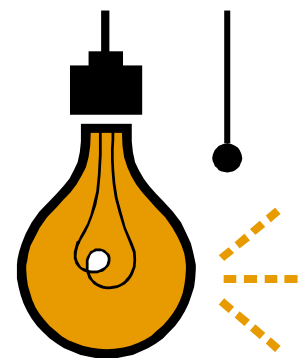
April 1 to June 30 is the fourth quarter.

We cannot stress enough how helpful it would be to have tutors take the initiative in doing this. September is rapidly approaching and it would save many phone calls.

## Tutor Training

training please let us know and we will follow up.

There will be tutor training on 5 consecutive Saturday mornings 9:30-12:30 on Sept. 8 to Oct. 6. We would appreciate it if you display the enclosed poster concerning the training. If you know of someone who is interested in the Potsdam



### Tutor Tip...

How do I sustain a student's interest?

-Always have a "warm up," fun activity

-Have some short-term "mini" goals

-Reward your student periodically, students love certificates.

-When appropriate, go on a field trip with your student.



### Another Tip...

**"Adults learn best when**  
(from "the Adult Educator Blog"):

-Their prior learning was rewarded

-The subject matter is relevant to their perceived needs (professional or other)

-Interaction and dialogue are possible throughout the instruction

-Self direction is possible

-Mistakes are seen as opportunities to learn

-Critical thinking, creative thinking, and problem solving are part of the instruction

-Practical experience is part of the instruction"

