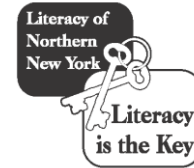




Our mission is to train volunteers to work one-to-one with adults who need help with reading, writing or English as a second language.



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I'd like to thank everyone who donated items or baked goods for the garage sale we held in May. We raised \$503. A special thanks to Board President Allen Goudie, who hosted the sale at his

Sackets Harbor home and to Board Member Karin Martinez, who helped us set up the items on the day of the sale and worked at the event. We had a great crowd and the weather cooperated.

All items that did not sell were donated to the Urban Mission, a non-profit organization in Watertown.

Cecilia Brock

*"There is no substitute for books in the life of a child."
~ Mary Ellen Chase ~*

Children's Book Drive in Lewis County

Literacy of Northern New York is staffing a booth at the Cream Cheese Festival in downtown Lowville on Sept. 19th. We will be selling tickets for gift baskets and collecting new or gently used children's books. We also have a book drop off box at P&C

in Lowville. These books will be distributed in December to low income families picking up Christmas gifts and food from the Lewis County Opportunities' Christmas Share program.

The Cat in the Hat will be collecting the books from the

children. We need volunteers to help us staff the table from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. To volunteer, call us at 376-8188 or 782-4270.

A special thanks to volunteers Betty Sawyer, Linda Higby, Virginia Sullivan and Patricia Dietrich for helping with this event.

Drop boxes for books

P & C in Lowville

Key Bank in Lowville

LNNY's booth on Parkway Drive at the Cream Cheese Festival

Claire Wakefield joins Literacy of NNY



Claire Wakefield,
of Lewis County,
our new AmeriCorps
Vista staff member

Claire Wakefield recently joined LNNY as an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America). She graduated from Juniata College in May, where she majored in art history and French. Claire tutored many peers while in school and also helped teach English to adults while studying abroad in France. Hailing from Lewis County, Claire is looking forward to working in the Jefferson County

office and tri-county region.

The VISTA branch of AmeriCorps is designed specifically to fight poverty. AmeriCorps.gov describes VISTAs as "members (who) commit to serve full-time for a year at a nonprofit organization or local agency, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services create businesses, strengthen community groups,

and much more." Claire's primary job will be to help recruit volunteer tutors and students, while raising community awareness about our programs.



Dedicated Board Members Honored

*"Reading is a basic tool
in the living of a good
life."*

~ Mortimer J. Adler ~

The Board of Directors of LNNY honored out-going president Allen Goudie of Sackets Harbor with a plaque at the May board meeting. Allen has served on the board for five years, the last two of which he served as President.

"Allen's enthusiasm and willingness to help out wherever needed is greatly appreciated," said M. Cecilia Brock, Executive Director of LNNY.

The board also

bestowed a plaque to E. Alan Harris Jr. of Watertown, who has served on the board for 11 years, 10 of which he was the treasurer.

"Alan has stopped by the office and co-signed checks every other week for a decade and was always willing to share his fiscal advice," Cecilia said. "He will be greatly missed."



Allen Goudie accepting
his recognition plaque
from LNNY

Tutor Tip: Think Aloud Reading Strategy

The Think Aloud strategy helps students comprehend what they are reading. In this strategy, the tutor reads something out loud and periodically stops and talks about what she is thinking about while reading.

Good readers are active readers. They predict what is going to happen in a story, visualize what the characters and the setting looks like, use context clues to figure out the meaning of difficult words and reread a passage when it is not understood the first time around.

For example, if the tutor reads out loud a story about a woman about to give birth, she could talk to her student about what

that experience was like for her and predict whether the person in the story will have a similar experience. If the tutor didn't know what a word meant in the story, she could talk about how she read the sentence over several times and tried to get the meaning from the context.

Another example would be if the tutor is reading an article about healthy diets to a student and found out a long held belief was actually a myth, she could talk about how she revised her thinking on the subject based upon the new knowledge she just learned.

Tutors can select short stories, poems

or use a textbook like *Challenger* and have the student practice talking out loud about what they are thinking while reading.

Many adults work so hard at just figuring out what the words say that they don't spend a lot of time thinking about the meaning of what they read.

Students also tend to think the tutor knows "everything" and are amazed to learn they too have trouble figuring out the definitions of some words.

Tutors who model their good reading habits help students develop better comprehension strategies.

For more information about the Think Aloud Strategy, here are two great websites:

<http://readwritethink.org>
(Click on lesson plans)

Or

<http://www.rogerfarr.com/mcr/usingta/usingta.html>

"Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere."

Mary Schmich

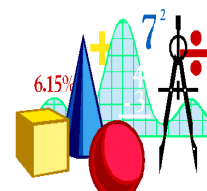
Math Grant Awarded to LNNY

Assemblywoman Dede Scozzafava obtained a \$5,000 member item for Literacy of Northern

New York to develop a math training program for tutors and purchase math textbooks.

This grant will help

us train tutors in math skills and better help the influx of students looking for tutoring in basic math skills.



New Board Members in Lewis County

Long-time Board Member Betty Sawyer has been busy recruiting volunteers to represent Literacy of Northern New York in Lewis County. Thanks to Betty's efforts, Mr. Oren Cook of Lyons

Falls and long-time tutor Sally Brennan of Lowville have joined LNNY's Board of Directors.

Sally Brennan is a retired English teacher. She taught at Beaver River Central School

District.

Oren Cook, a native of Lyons Falls, served in the U.S. Navy and has worked at many schools. He was superintendent of Marcus Whitman Central School District in the Finger Lakes

region, superintendent of Adirondack Central, principal of West Carthage Elementary School and assistant principal at S. Lewis Junior/Senior High School.

Lowville Tutor Trainings in October



Joseph and Malinda Zehr, graduates from the Lewis County ESOL tutor training, December, 2008

We are conducting two tutor training classes in Lewis County in October. For those interested in helping an adult learn how to read better, the free, five-week training will be held on Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at our

Lowville office, 7640 N. State Street, second floor.

If you want to help someone from another country learn to speak English better, the free four-week training will be held on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, Oct. 14-Nov. 4 at our

Lowville office.

Tutors are matched up with one person who needs help. Tutors and students meet in public places such as a library.

To register for either course, call us at 376-8188.

Fiesta Time in Copenhagen!

Tutor Virginia Sullivan knows how to throw a party! In honor of her and student Mario's birthday, she hosted a birthday bash and invited many of our English as a second language students.

Virginia's birthday follows Mario's by one day, which made the day even more festive. Several LNNY learners and tutors made the trek to Copenhagen to share in the great meal.



Jane and Norah, LNNY learners, joined the festivities.

"Super Tutor" Inger Curth

Inger Curth enjoys tutoring for Literacy of Northern NY. She began working with a Korean student in Dexter. Her student would occasionally bring her friend along to join the pair. It was not long

before a third friend joined the group giving Inger her own class. Inger's students prepare Korean food for her and share Korean hospitality with her.

She constantly tells us how thrilled she is

to be teaching such enthusiastic students.

How did Inger come to be called "Super Tutor"? She had eye surgery twice and would not even cancel a session with her students. That's dedication!



Tutoring tip

"How do you ...?"

Make a list of twenty or more sentences. Each sentence should have the same structure, "How do you ...?"

Insert something different in each sentence, for example, "How do you brush your teeth?" Cut the sentences into strips.

You can put the strips in an envelope and pass them out one-by-one or however you want. This activity really helps a student with vocabulary, clarity of speech, being ordered, and use of "How do ..."

It works well with a group and creates

a lot of discussion, and laughter. Pictures help.

Examples:

How do you ...?
build a fire; make coffee; shave; plant vegetables; love your pet; control your anger, etc.

"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."

~ *Mark Twain* ~



How do you make coffee?

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*Helping adults with reading
and speaking English*

It's United Way Campaign Season

United Way of Northern New York is conducting its fall campaign. United Way provides grant funding to numerous non-profit agencies including Literacy of Northern New York. We receive a monthly grant payment on the first of every month and this money helps us to keep our programs

running while we wait for state and federal grants to arrive months behind schedule.

United Way conducts a food drive every Sept. and gives the food away to local pantries. For more information about United Way, go to www.unitedwayofnorthernny.org



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