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The Literacy Newsletter of Burke County
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Link Up For Literacy

Harris Teeter and Food Lion are giving away money to support organizations like ours and we would love to help them! Through Harris Teeter's Together in Education program, and Food Lion's Shop and Share program, we can earn money to support our programs.

Beginning August 1, you can link your VIC card to Burke County Literacy Council. All you need to do is tell the cashier, on your next visit, to link your card to our number which is **6099**. You can also link up online. This costs you nothing but nets us 2% of what you spend on Harris Teeter brands including milk, eggs, ice cream, chicken, etc. As an added bonus, you may sign up to have the Harris Teeter ads e-mailed to you at home. By doing so, you are automatically registered to win \$100 or more in free groceries from Harris Teeter - each week! Just go to www.HarrisTeeter.com to have the store ad e-mailed to you. Also, by doing so, you are eligible for weekly store promotions that are advertised only to those who sign up for the e-mailed ad.

You can link your MVP card to the Literacy Council by going to their website at www.FoodLion.com and choosing Burke County Literacy Council. We need to have 25 cards linked by September 30, in order to participate the next quarter.

We can also link your card(s) for you, if you call us at 437-7477 and give us your name, address, phone number and card number. These are both really good programs to be involved in. Please help support the Literacy Council by linking your VIC card and/or MVP card to our organization and remember each time you shop at Harris Teeter or Food Lion and use your card, once you've linked to the Burke County Literacy Council, you are supporting literacy in Burke County.



New Staff Member

The Literacy Council staff and board would like to welcome our newest member, Leanne Brittain. She joins the staff as the Family Literacy Coordinator. Leanne will be working with Motheread/Fatheread® and Project FLOWER (Family Literacy Offers Women Educational Resources).

Leanne has recently returned to Morganton, from Davidson, NC, with her husband, Chris, and their two boys. She is active in the community serving her church as Secretary of the United Methodist Women, President of her circle and teaching children's Sunday School. She will be the Vice-President of the Forest Hill PTO this school year. Her past times are learning to golf, reading and acting in plays. Currently she is performing as Miss Stacy in *Anne of Green Gables*.

Leanne has been a stay-at-home-mom for the last eight years and is very excited to assist the Literacy Council in helping the families of Burke County improve their literacy skills.



Program News

The Literacy Council has received a Smart Start grant from the Burke County Partnership for Children! The grant will fund the Family Literacy Coordinator position, help with Project FLOWER and Motherread/Fatheread® programs.

Project FLOWER is ready to begin a new and exciting year! Grace Episcopal Church has once again offered the use of their fellowship hall for our program. Our new year starts September 5 and we are lengthening the sessions to two hours to give our students more time with their tutors.

Speaking of **tutors**, we are in need of individuals that have an interest in helping others with their reading, writing and speaking skills. We have opportunities in our Project FLOWER program, adult one-to-one program and with Reach Out and Read. Please call BCLC at 437-7477 if you are interested in becoming a tutor.

The Literacy Council would like to thank our volunteers who devote so much time and energy to help someone discover the magic of literacy.

Training

Browning attended the North Carolina Basic Skills Conference in Winston-Salem, August 2 - 4. Over 118 workshops were offered in every area of literacy and adult education. She participated in six different workshops and each one of them was great. Board Development was a terrific workshop of sharing how to help your board help you. Teacheread is a new concept that we may be able to implement in our Council.

She was able to learn about other Literacy Councils in North Carolina and how they do things and what they offer. Cape Fear Literacy Council received a grant three years ago and they reported their results on how to increase the intensity of instruction. They worked hard, but their student gains were fantastic.

“I could go on and on about each session I attended but I’ll save something for later. It was a great conference and the motivational speakers were so good. I wish each one of you could have heard Laura Hamilton, national speaker, Toni Cordell, former one-to-one student, and Coach and Radio from the movie *Radio*. Yes, we had a movie star at the meeting! I was fortunate to attend”, says Browning.

Browning and Leanne will attend B.A.B.Y. training August 30 and 31, in Raleigh. B.A.B.Y. (Birth and Beginning Years) is a 21-lesson children’s literature-based curriculum, using multicultural stories to encourage discussion and provide health information for expectant and new parents.

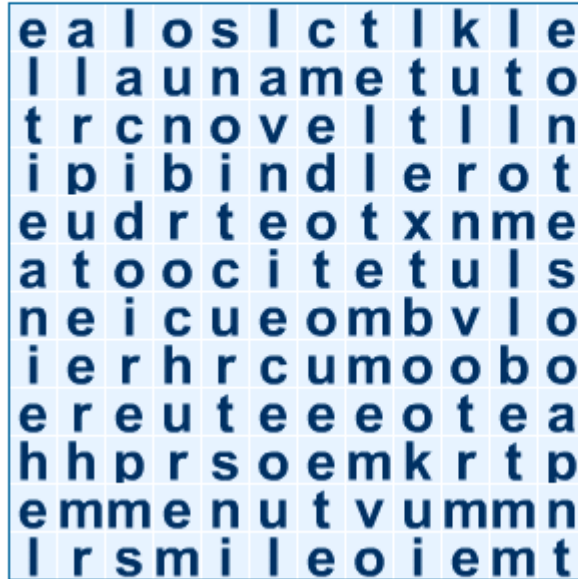
Tutor training is coming! If you have thought about becoming a tutor, this is the time to do it. Mark your calendar for September 23, from 9 - 12. Call the Literacy Council at 437-7477 to register. You will love tutoring and helping someone to improve their life. Please join us.

Elaine Poole - Welcome to the Literacy Council Board

We are so pleased to have Elaine join us. She brings expertise in the areas of reading and administration to the Board. She has a Specialist degree in both areas! Elaine is employed by Lees McRae College and is the Chair of the Department of Education. Many of you know Elaine from her days working with the Burke County Public Schools. Last year she retired as principal of W. A. Young Elementary. We are fortunate to have Elaine Poole on our Board and we look forward to working with her.

Learning Vocabulary Can Be Fun..

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Learning Vocabulary Can Be Fun, <http://vocabulary.co.il/>, is a great website with a wonderful collection of vocabulary activities including word search, crossword, hangman, match game, quizzes and jumbles. There is something for all ages and the difficulty can be adjusted to make it more or less challenging. There's an audio component so ESL students can use the games to learn to pronounce words. Many of the games use categories of words, such as animals, money, sports, etc.

If you enjoy the activities, please tell teachers, parents and students about the website, as this could be used as a great enhancement to learning.

Hours Request

Tutors, please remember to turn in your hours monthly to Sherry. You may call the office or email her at literacysuort@bellsouth.net. Thank You!

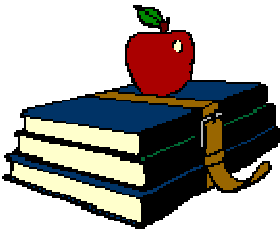
“If anyone were to ask me what I want out of life I would say - the opportunity for doing something useful, for in no other way, I am convinced, can true happiness be attained.”

- Eleanor Roosevelt

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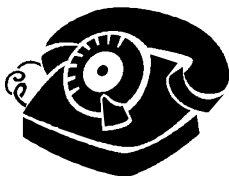
- Copy paper
- Glue sticks
- Ink jet paper
- Office chairs
- Pens/Pencils
- Soft drinks or bottled water for Project Citizenship participants
- Tutors

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