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# The Reader Leader

The Literacy Newsletter of Burke County  
June 30, 2006

## ABC Lunch for Literacy

An ABC Lunch for Literacy was held on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at Grace Episcopal Church Parish Hall. The lunch included alphabet vegetable soup, a grilled cheese sandwich, dessert and tea.

This event raised \$1,765 to benefit adults and children of Burke County by helping them learn to read or to improve their basic skills. Thank you to all the people that came to support our efforts to fund our literacy programs.

Thanks also to the following for donating food/items for the ABC Lunch: Amanda Icard, Abele's, BI-LO, Bojangles, Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Ingles, Timberwoods and Wendy's.



## New Volunteers Welcomed

### Board Of Directors

McArthur Jackson  
Mayra Moore  
Tracie Rhoney

### One-to-One Tutoring

Penny Dale

### Project Citizenship

Joyce Salter

### Project Flower

Brandy Mills  
Marilyn Settlemyer  
Ann Thomas

### REACH OUT AND READ

Morgan Welch



## Spelling Bee for Literacy

The 14th Annual Spelling Bee for Literacy, sponsored by the Morganton Rotary Club, was held April 27th at First United Methodist Church. It was a honey of an evening as the bee teams attempted to out spell each other. By event's end, the Freedom High School team, sponsored by Edward Jones, had captured the title of Champion. The Spelling Bee for Literacy has raised \$31,025 for the programs of the Literacy Council since 1992.

Heartfelt appreciation to all contestants and contributors! They were great sports and made the evening fun for all. Other teams competing this year were:

- Blue Ridge HealthCare System
- Burke County United Way Blue Team - sponsored by Smith Miller & Associates
- Burke County United Way Red Team - sponsored by Barrett Crawford, P.A.
- C. Ervin & Associates
- East Burke High School - sponsored by Caterpillar
- First Presbyterian Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Morganton Kiwanis Club
- Morganton Rotary Club
- Morganton Service League

Thanks also to The Muses for contributing to the Spelling Bee.

Thank you to all the people that came to support the teams and our efforts to fund our literacy programs.





## Program News

The first half of 2006 has been a busy one for our programs at the Burke County Literacy Council.

The number of **adult one-to-one students** has increased. Many Burke County residents are recognizing the need to improve their reading skills to make themselves more marketable when trying to find a job.

**Project FLOWER** finished a good year in mid June. All of our students made improvement in speaking, reading and writing English. In addition, they were able to read two simple children's books (which we gave them) to their children. After a summer break, Project FLOWER which meets twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will convene in early September. Miguel Sebastian is the recruiter/coordinator for this group. We appreciate tutors Veronica Grossi, Elinora Miller, Brandy Mills, Marilyn Settlemyer, Rose Shook and Ann Thomas who are weekly tutors for this program.

**Project Citizenship** (coordinated by Carol Ware) continues to grow. It seems that for every student who passes the INS examination, a new person enrolls. She had 14 students to become US citizens this year. Carol could use another volunteer to join Shirley Brown, Joyce Campbell and Joyce Salter. If anyone is interested, please call the office at 437-7477.

During the past year, **Motheread/Fatheread** sessions were held at:

- Drexel EvenStart program
- Forest Hill Elementary School
- George Hildebrand Family Resource Center
- Family Connections Teen Mom Program
- Rutherford College Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Orientation

Motheread/Fatheread continues to be a wonderful strategy for serving parents of young children. Not only does it empower both parent and child, it gives parents more confidence in their role as a parent, and helps them take a more active role in their child's education.

**Reach Out and Read** book distribution continually increases at our three sites: Mt. View Pediatrics – Morganton, Mt. View Pediatrics – Valdese, and the Burke County Health Department. This summer we are fortunate to have a youth volunteer, Morgan Welch, who reads to children in the waiting room at the Valdese office of Mt. View Pediatrics.

Thank you to all the volunteers who give their time each week to help Burke County residents explore the world of learning.

## Training

Browning attended a Motheread training institute in Raleigh, NC January 24th through January 27th. Motheread combines the teaching of literacy skills with child development and family empowerment issues. The approach teaches the "why" of reading as well as the "how" and uses books to strengthen the bonds between parent and child. Browning will now be able to assist Carol Ware, an existing certified Motheread instructor, in implementing the Literacy Council's Motheread program.

Veronica Grossi, Carol Ware and Browning took part in a day of professional development held in Asheville. The workshop was entitled "Learning to Write" and was conducted by Dianne Barber of Appalachian State University. It was a terrific hands on interactive learning experience aimed at improving the new learner's writing skills.

**Training for you!** Call the BCLC office to get your name on the list for the upcoming Tutor Training. The dates are not firm yet – but think about three hours on a Saturday morning in late August or mid September. We will contact you closer to the time. You will love tutoring and helping someone to improve their life. Call 437-7477. Join us.

## Council Receives Donations

The Literacy Council is sincerely grateful to the following for their donations given between December 7, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

### Individuals

Mrs. Willie Annas  
Ms. Carolyn Atwell  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Blackwell  
Mr. John Bleynat  
Mrs. Barbara Bliss  
Ms. Jewell Bounous  
Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowen  
Mrs. Viola Brandon  
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Mrs. Jane Wolfgang

### Community/Service Organizations

Belks Charity Day  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
First Presbyterian Church  
First United Methodist Church  
MOM'S Club of Morganton  
NC Beta Kappa Chapter

### Grants/Private Foundations

Burke County United Way  
Mull Foundation  
North Carolina Community College

### ABC Lunch Food Donation

Abele's  
BI-LO  
Bojangles  
Food Lion  
Harris Teeter  
Ingle's  
Timberwoods  
Wendy's

### Spelling Bee

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Mrs. Amanda Icard  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGarry  
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Mrs. Elizabeth Pearson  
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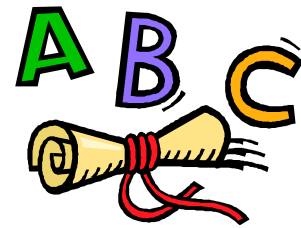
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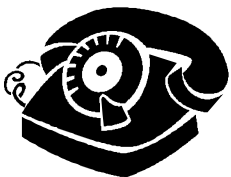
## 10 things YOU can do to support literacy

1. Be a lifelong learner.
2. Encourage others to be lifelong learners.
3. Read with your child.
4. Volunteer to tutor.
5. Volunteer to support an education program in other ways.
6. Support friends who want to participate in a literacy program.
7. Donate equipment or other materials.
8. Donate money.
9. Start a literacy program in your office.
10. Strengthen the links between literacy programs and other community groups.



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