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The Literacy Newsletter of Burke County
September 28, 2000

Project FLOWER
students, Eululia
Francisco,
Veronica Banales,
and Eliodora
Olquin, practice
telephone skills
during Project
FLOWER classes
at the Salvation
Army Church.

Every Click Counts

Earn money for our Literacy Council every time you surf or shop on the Web.

4myCommunity.com makes it easy for you to help raise money for the Literacy Council by browsing and shopping on the Internet. At our web village you'll find many ways to click and shop that will raise money for us

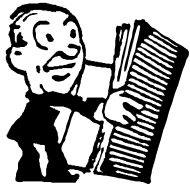
Visit the Web Village* created for our organization at:
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At our Web Village, you'll find simple ways to raise money even without shopping.

Here's all you need to do:

1. Go to www.4mycommunity.com
2. Enter 28655 for the Literacy Council's zip code
3. Click on the round button beside 4-H and Other Community Organizations
4. Click Submit
5. Click on Burke County Literacy Council

*Remember to make our village your homepage or bookmark it in your "favorites" list



Program News

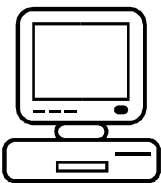
English as Second Language

Project FLOWER will begin on September 13. This fall, the program will meet on Wednesdays at the Salvation Army Church and on Thursdays at Glen Alpine Elementary School. These immigrant students will be tutored by Elinora Miller, Rose Shook, Doris Wilson and Teresa Thompson. Child care volunteers are Lisa Schuck, Silvia Hernandez and Jesette Ayala. Mayra Moore is the Outreach Coordinator for this project.

National Family Literacy Day is honored on November 1 as a day to celebrate everyone's contributions to family literacy. It's a day to recognize the families themselves, the teachers and the community partners.

New Volunteer Welcomed

One-to-one tutoring
Teresa Thompson



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Volunteers please remember to submit your hours monthly to Sherry. Thank you!

Visit our Web Site

Visit the Literacy Council web site at <http://www.hci.net/~bclc>.

Council Receives Donations

The Literacy Council is sincerely grateful to the following organizations and individuals for their donations given between July 1, 2000 and September 28, 2000.

Individuals

Mrs. Carolyn Atwell
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brown
Dr. and Mrs. James Collett
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Griffin

In Kind

Mrs. Charlyne Bugg
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Ms. Patti Thompson
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Letter to the Council

Dear Literacy Council,
The 5th graders and ESL students at W. A. Young Elementary School really appreciate the donation of encyclopedias. Thank you so much.
Mary Marcia Salsbury

Council Wish List

The Literacy Council is in need of the following items:
Children's books (gently used)
Reader's Digest condensed books
Paperback books (gently used)
School supplies for Project FLOWER
Office Chairs
Office Supplies
Juice boxes and vanilla wafers
for children of mothers at Project FLOWER

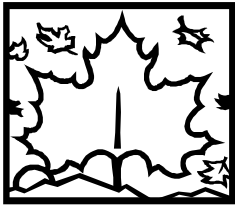


Leading Your Child to Reading

- Talk to and with your child.
- Listen to your child and encourage his/her listening.
- Share at least one book everyday with your child.
- Select a quiet, comfortable place to share a book with your child. Before bed or nap time is good.
- Make reading time a fun family ritual. Allow for the age and needs of your child. If it's not fun, don't do it!
- Share stories from your life, family, work, and have your child share stories of his/her daily life with you.
- Your child is never too young to be read to! Start when your child is still an infant. Start even when you are pregnant. Even before they are born, babies respond to sound and language.
- It is ok, even good, to read the same book/story over and over to a child. Children love to hear books repeated many times. Do not be upset if your child tries to turn the pages or talks while you are reading. This is normal. Children, especially young ones, often need to touch the book, even put it in their mouths, and to be active while being read to. It may take time for your child to learn to sit still and enjoy being read to. Please be patient.
- Children need to see reading as a fun thing to do if they are to become good readers.
- Use every reading opportunity that you can with your child. Point out at least one beautiful (interesting, unusual) thing everyday and help your child to use his/her imagination.
- Think and talk about the stories that you read as you go about your daily life.
- Even when your children can read, they still need to be read to! Even adults enjoy being read to.
- Encourage your child to remember, imagine, and fantasize and to share his/her remembrances, imaginings and fantasies.
- Young children need to hear language. It can be spoken, read, or sung. They need to play with words and rhymes and songs. Music is wonderful and your child will love to listen and sing with you.
- Remember, a child's work is his/her play; therefore, play is an essential part of the child's life and he/she needs to play every day. Children learn much about their life and their world through their play.
- Take your child to the library. Have the librarian help you pick out books your child will enjoy. Remember, all the books in the library are free.



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Tutors Needed

We have had a number of new adult reading students enroll in our program this summer. If you are a tutor who does not presently have a student or if you would like to become a tutor and help someone learn to read, call us at 437-7477.

*Knowledge is power.
But the power to know? We call that literacy.*

Dr. Richard T. LaPointe, President
Laubach Literacy