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# LV-MARQUETTE COUNTY, INC. NEWSLETTER

## Montello Child Development Days



Montello Child Development Days was held at the Forest Lane Elementary School gymnasium on April 7 and 8. LV-MC volunteers, LuAnn Ziemann, Pat Johnson, Barbara Church and Judy Schelble staffed the combined LV-MC and Montello Public Library table. Literature promoting reading and health literacy was handed out to parents of upcoming kindergarteners, as well as Montello Public Library schedules, bookmarks, pencils and stickers.



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### **Check us out at [www.mcreads.org](http://www.mcreads.org)!**

Thanks to volunteer **Jess Bruckner**, our website [mcreads.org](http://mcreads.org) has been updated! You can find the current newsletter, pictures from our February 2011 fundraiser at Mekan River Outfitters, volunteer/tutor forms, and more. Jess is an assistant librarian in Montello, who is also about to take our tutor training. We appreciate his wizardry on the computer as we continue to update information.

**Thanks to Becky Nelson**, our original webmaster, who continues to sponsor the website!

This newsletter is a publication of Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County (LV-MC), a non-profit organization that provides free and confidential tutoring to adults and families who want to improve their reading, writing, math, and other skills. Volunteer tutors provide individualized instruction.

# NEWS & notes

From the President  
Vicki Huffman

## Family Connections Coalition

The Marquette County Family Connections Coalition held a Life Course Model training in Montello. It was an hour and a half course led by Nate Luedke. It addressed Public Health service gaps and redundancy. Several Marquette County services were represented, including health services, family living, social services and Literacy Volunteers.

Vicki Huffman, Pat Johnson and LuAnn Ziemann represented Literacy Volunteers at the meeting. Our services provide information and referrals for our student-learners and help them read and interpret materials referencing subjects covered by the varying social services within Marquette County.

## Regional Literacy Meeting

On Friday, May 6, Vicki Huffman attended a Southwest/South Central Regional meeting at the Literacy Network in Madison. The group was led by Georgia Lieber of Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. The meeting focused on a discussion of Career Pathways and RISE (Regional Industry Skills Education) and the need for matching our students with industry. Due to the diverse nature of our group (representatives from both small and large literacy organizations plus Madison Area Technical College), the discussion was lively and informative.

Once again our good fortune was revealed by LV-MC's successful collaborations within our county, which contributes to the purposeful education of each learner we strive to assist. And once again I thank the libraries, County Health Department, Head Start, UW Extension, Job Center, HCE and the entire community that supports our all-volunteer efforts.

## Pick N Save

For those of you who shop at a Pick N Save® store, don't forget to register (LV-MC's # is 458240) and use your Pick N Save® card when you shop. We receive 1% of sales as a charitable donation.



## Wisconsin Literacy, Inc.

LV-MC acknowledges the support we have received during the year from our state organization for promoting literacy. We were given funds to publicize literacy during the 2010 International Literacy Week, which contributed to a health literacy display at the Montello Public Library. WI Literacy supplied materials, training and funding for a health literacy class. Individual tutors worked with students, and, assisted by the Marquette County Health Department and Head Start, three discussion sessions were held with head Start parents. Thanks also goes to our new regional consultant, Georgia Lieber, for her assistance.



## LITERACY BOARD NEWS

### LV-MC Dues Increase on Agenda for Annual Meeting

At the May 5, 2011 LV-MC Board Meeting, a proposal to vote on an increase of dues from \$10 to \$15 at the upcoming annual meeting was passed. The annual meeting has been set for September 8, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Montello Public Library. Our dues have never changed, while the price of the annual appreciation dinner has increased considerably. The increase in dues was preferred by board members over having volunteer-members pay for the dinner. Non-members presently must pay for their own dinners.



# Thanks to our supporters!

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County could not exist without its financial backers. Individuals and businesses who have supported our efforts at promoting literacy in our community during the past year are greatly appreciated. Individual donations were also received as memorials for Vic Krueger, Don Clasesges, and Stephanie Miller-Davis. Successful bids at our silent auction are not included in the totals. If anyone is omitted or the category is in error, please accept our apologies and contact Vicki Huffman at 297-8900 or vjhawk@mwwb.net.

Wisconsin Literacy, Inc.	\$640.00
Pat Johnson	\$170.00
Vicki Huffman/Al Knight	\$140.00
Marian Hamlen	\$100.00
Mindy Johnson-Roidt	\$100.00
Mark & Eileen (Naprala Tire)	\$100.00
Barb & Paul Wade	\$ 60.00
Christa Winkelman	\$ 60.00
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## **TUTORING: How to Teach Students to Read and Spell Sight Words**

A learner may not have the ability to sound out certain words that occur in reading. These words can be taught as sight words. Here's a way to teach sight words that involves touching as well as seeing and hearing. It works with most students and is invaluable to those who are kinesthetic learners.

For each word, you'll need a sheet of 8½"x11" unlined paper and a crayon or marker--something that makes a wide line.

1. Divide the paper into two pieces by cutting it in half lengthwise.
2. On one piece, write the word in large letters across the long dimension.
3. Have the student trace the word with his/her forefinger while saying the word. Repeat this 3-4 times.
4. Cover or remove the word.
5. Have the student write the word on the top of the second piece of paper across the narrow width so that it can be reused.
6. Ask the student to check his/her spelling by looking at the word you wrote on the first paper. If he/she has made a mistake, go on to steps 7-9. If he/she wrote it correctly, skip to steps 10-12.
7. Ask the student to fold down the top of his/her paper to cover the incorrect word. Don't let him/her make corrections by erasing or changing parts of the incorrect word. In this exercise, the word is always written as a whole.
8. Have the student trace the large print sample again while saying the word.
9. Cover or remove the sample. Have the student write the word again on the second sheet of paper. Repeat the above steps as often as necessary until the student can write the word correctly.

10. Type or print the learned words onto small cards.

11. Have the student alphabetize both the small cards and the large pieces of paper in separate files. Use the small cards for drills. Have two sets, so that the student can take one home for practice.

12. Keep the pieces of paper if you have to reteach the word. Once the word is mastered, you or the student can discard the paper.

13. Remember that when the student forgets a word, he/she should retrace it until he/she can write it from memory without looking at the original word. A student should never copy the word.



### **Techniques for Visual Problems**

Visual perception problems make it difficult for the learner to detect differences in forms, letters and words, and to retain a full mental image of what they have seen. Here are some ways a tutor can help:

- Be sure the student has had a visual exam;
- Use color for visual impact--print on colored paper or cover with colored transparencies
- Select materials with simple visual layouts, including large print and much white space;
- Use visual cues--highlighting, underlining
- Cover everything on page except the activity being worked on



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## Program Committee Report

Barbara Church, Chair

As of May 5, 2011 there were two volunteers tutoring individual students at Forest Lane Elementary in Montello. There was also a volunteer who conducted book groups for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders from November through February at Forest Lane for May Johnson's gifted and talented program. In addition, two volunteers tutor at St. John's in Montello, and one volunteer works with a student after school.

There is one tutor working with a basic literacy student in Montello and one working with an adult basic literacy student in Westfield. There is one Westfield High School student waiting for a match. Present there are no GED students.

Judy Schelble will continue Story Time at the Montello Public Library through the end of May.

LV-MC has contributed toward the purchase of books for the summer Teen Read book group at the Montello Library, too.



### BECOME A LITERACY VOLUNTEERS- MARQUETTE COUNTY MEMBER!

We invite you to become a member and supporter of literacy in Marquette County. One person can make a difference in influencing positive changes. We've accomplished a great deal, but there is so much more to be done. Your services as a volunteer or a financial supporter are critical to our success!

Fill out the form below, including a check for \$10 written out to **Literacy Volunteers- Marquette County** (if you wish to be a member), and mail to **Treasurer-LV-MC, P.O. Box 671, Montello, WI 53949.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- I wish to be an active volunteer/member and have enclosed the \$10 fee.
- I wish to be an active volunteer, but not a dues-paying member.
- I would like more information on becoming a volunteer.
- I do not wish to be a member, but would like to contribute to literacy.

## UPCOMING EVENT

### **The annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is Wednesday, May 19, 2011**

at Underwood Café just west of Montello on Hwy 23. Socializing begins at 5:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner at 6. If you are interested in attending and didn't receive an invitation (a computer glitch or oversight) please call Vicki at 608-297-8900 ASAP. Active volunteers who have paid their membership and adult students may come to the dinner at no charge. Guests are invited, as room permits, at \$18.00. Reservations required. If you've made a reservation, please don't be a No Show!

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#### LV-MC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County, Inc. is to improve the quality of life by promoting increased literacy and lifelong learning in Marquette County, Wisconsin. We encourage and aid individuals through public awareness and through volunteer teaching of literacy skills as well as English for non-native speakers.

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