



Literacy News

*Making a Difference in our Community
One Reader at a Time*

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2009 YCCC Literacy Scholarship Winner

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Sanford has chosen adult student, Susan Garr, as the 2009 York County Community College Scholarship winner. Garr has enrolled as a full-time student in the Nursing Associates Degree program. "I wouldn't have been able to afford to go to school without the scholarship," says Garr, who was laid off from RR Donnelly when the Wells plant closed last spring.



Susan Garr and tutor, Christine Dunham

With the help of her tutor, Christine Dunham, Garr completed a Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA) course at the Community College and passed the State Certification exam with a 94% score in September. Garr now works at Varney Crossing as a CNA on the weekend shift while taking classes full-time at YCCC. Once Garr finishes the Associates Degree program, she can transfer to the Registered Nursing (RN) Degree program at Southern Maine Community College.

Dunham, a 10-year veteran teller at Kennebunk Savings Bank, began tutoring Garr in math to help her with the CNA course. "I am so proud of Susan," says Dunham. "She is acing quizzes, which makes me feel so good about helping her. I never dreamed I would be tutoring algebra."

Garr says, "Before I hated math. Now I love it and can understand it. My instructor at YCCC asked me my secret and it's tutoring." Literacy Volunteers of Greater Sanford has been pairing adult students and tutors in Southern York County since 1986. This is the second year YCCC has offered the literacy scholarship.

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Spaghetti Dinner and Free Books

The spaghetti dinner on October 28 at the Carl J. Lamb Elementary School was a big success for the third year, with 150 children and parents attending. LV Greater Sanford hosted the free dinner and gave each child two Halloween books with funding provided by the VH Somers Foundation.

Adult students Bruce Couture and Bernice Chadwick of the Learner Advisory Committee (LAC) spoke about ways literacy has changed and enriched their lives. Emcee Jim Gulnac raffled off movies, games and Mainers tickets.



Chelsea McFarland enjoys free dinner and books sponsored by VH Somers Foundation.



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Fall 2009

Welcome New Tutors

Please welcome our new tutors who joined as literacy volunteers this fall after completing the 12-hour tutor training:

Adult Basic Education (ABE) Tutor Training at Massabesic Adult Ed:
Danielle Alexander, Colette Caron, Darci Carpenter, Robert MacDougall,
Kathryn Meltzer, and Kristina Stanley

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Tutor Training at
United Way of York County: Jessica Baxter, Linda Kay Brown, Georgette
Hunter, Suzanne Makoge, and Amy Safford

2009-2010 TAG Tutor Workshops

2009 Schedule

- October 6th: Computer: Tool for Tutor & Student with Charlie Cragin
- October 20th: Tutoring Writing with Amy Safford
- November 10: Instructional Tutoring with Amy Safford
- November 26: Lesson Planning with Anita Daigle

2010 Schedule

- March (TBD): Visualization and Verbalization or V&V
(reading comprehension) with Jaclyn Nutter
- April 13th: Teaching Math to Adults with Marcel Gagnon
- May 11th: Navigating your Way to Health
Instructor TBD



Next Tutor Training

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer literacy tutor, please sign up for the next professional 12-hour tutor training:

Dates: November 7 & 14

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

LV office: 883 Main Street, Sanford

Call to Register: 324-2486

Supporting Agencies

We would not be able to offer our various literacy programs and out-reach events without the generous support of the following agencies and foundations:

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