



# LITERACY NEWS

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*Literacy Volunteers-Campbell County Public Library*  
*Serving Campbell County Adult Citizens and Employees since 1988*

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## Literacy Volunteers– Campbell County Public Library Receives Grant Funding for 2011-12



### Virginia Literacy Foundation

Literacy Volunteers- Campbell County Public Library (LV-CCPL) is pleased to announce that the Virginia Literacy Foundation (VLF) will provide \$5,000 for FY 2011-12.

Goals of this year’s project are to increase capacity to meet the demand for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), to update our annual plan and 5-year plan, and to make changes as identified in planning sessions with the board. As always, we continue to serve adults needing help with reading, writing, and basic math skills.

Recruiting and training new tutors, and expanding the network of partners who help us provide meeting space for our classes is a large part of our plan to increase capacity. (See related story on p. 3.) Student recruitment is also part of this plan. (see p. 2)

Thanks to guidance from Annette Loschert of the Virginia Literacy Foundation, who conducted a board development workshop with us, we have recruited two new advisory board members. We held a productive summer work session in which we not only updated our annual and 5-year plans, but our mission statement as well. (See back cover.)



### Greater Lynchburg Community Trust

LV-CCPL is also pleased to announce that the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust, through the Faye Marcus Mifka fund, has agreed to provide \$1025 to help us meet our goals in training new tutors.

An LCD projector was identified as a need for the program, as well as other costs associated with training. The LCD projector has been purchased and was used in our August training session, where five new tutors were trained to prepare for the anticipated rise in student demand. The number of new students has exceeded our expectations, but so far nearly every student has been matched.

LV-CCPL provides training for new tutors 3 to 4 times per year, and offers supplemental “in service” sessions at least twice a year.

### Fall Fundraising Campaign

Literacy Volunteers-Campbell County Public Library (LV-CCPL) will soon be sending out our annual plea for individual, civic, and corporate donations. Please give as generously as you are able. While the grants we’ve received will help tremendously, we have yet to raise at least \$2,000 in private donations.

## Tutor Appreciation Event Well-Attended

On June 2nd, LV-CCPL held its annual Tutor Appreciation luncheon and in-service session, with twelve tutors in attendance. This year's speakers were Dr. Noel Bowling and Barbara "B" Falwell.

Dr. Bowling focused on the importance of assessment, and building lessons based on the results of the assessments. As he stressed, assessments need not be of a formal nature, but the tutor must devise some means of finding out if the student has retained the information which was previously taught. Good recordkeeping helps both tutor and student clearly see the progress that the student is making, and should be used to inform future lessons. *Words Their Way* by Donald Bear (now available for checkout) includes useful forms and templates to use with struggling readers.

"B" Falwell shared some of the many resources she has discovered as an ESOL tutor. Here are a few of her favorites:

www.englishbanana.com  
www.ello.org (English Listening Library online)  
www.esl-lab.com (Randall's Cyber Listening Lab)  
www.uiowa.edu (shows placement of tongue and mouth to produce sounds)  
www.englishforeveryone.org  
www.manythings.org

## Korean Volunteer Helps Recruit Students

SungMi Hwang has played an important role in publicizing our ESOL classes by translating our brochure into Korean, and placing the brochures at the Korean church. As a result, we have seen a significant increase the number of new ESOL students interested in our program. Thanks for your help, SungMi!

## New Members Join Advisory Board

LV-CCPL welcomes Barbara Anne Clayton and Corey D. Jones to the Literacy Advisory Board. Advisory board members attend quarterly meetings, assist with fundraising, and provide guidance to the program manager as the program meets new challenges and opportunities.

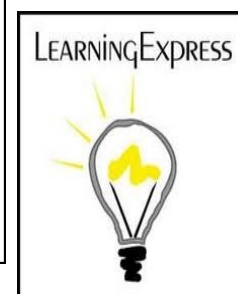
If you share our belief that every Campbell resident should be able to read and use English well enough to handle his or her own affairs, perhaps you would consider contributing your time, talents, and resources as a member of the advisory board. Please contact Lynne Wheeler at 332-9561 or lpwheeler@co.campbell.va.us for more information. Next meeting 10/26/2011.

## Helpful Library Resources

Our home page for the library, [www.campbellcountylibraries.org](http://www.campbellcountylibraries.org) has links to several helpful resources.

Find low-literacy/simplified language explanations for medical terms and conditions via the **Health Information and Advocacy @ Your Library** website. (Also contains some foreign language translations.)

**Learning Express** offers sample GED prep questions, as well as other useful material at the pre-GED and GED level.



**Tumblebooks** "reads" the book aloud while the student follows along. Great supplemental activity for outside of class!

## New Friends and Opportunities at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

In a collaborative effort with Lynchburg Literacy Council, LV-CCPL crossed the border into Bedford County this summer, in order to expand the number of students we are able to serve.

Last year, we began to notice an increase in requests for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) tutors in the Forest area. The Reading Depot, a Bedford County literacy organization, offers reading instruction, but not ESOL tutoring, so Lynchburg Literacy Council and LV-CCPL have decided to actively recruit tutors in the Forest area to serve the burgeoning ESOL population there.

In August, trainers Carolyn Meeks and Lynne Wheeler met with 10-15 prospective tutors at three different sessions to prepare them for working with adult English language learners.



*Above, Carolyn Meeks of Lynchburg Literacy Council (left) Darcy Goodjohn (middle) and Jeff Everett (right) discuss an assignment they've been given during the August tutor training session at St. Stephen's.*

*Right— (left to right) Loretta Norris, Father Chris Heying, and Linda Thomas plan a lesson for a mock student, based on information supplied by trainers Carolyn Meeks (pictured above) and Lynne Wheeler, LV-CCPL, (not pictured).*



*New tutor, Frances Holzknicht (right), looks over materials with a visiting prospective tutor.*

### Location, Location, Location

St. Stephen's is conveniently located next to Jefferson Forest High School. Or more accurately, the school is next to St. Stephen's, since this historic church has occupied its present spot since 1844. The church has seen a lot of changes over the years, one of the most recent being the increase in the numbers of international residents in the surrounding housing complexes. As the need for English language instruction has become apparent, several members and the rector of the church, Father Chris Heying, thought this might be a project they should be involved in. Father Chris and former educator Pam Hicks now team-teach a class on Friday mornings, and most of the students are within walking distance!



**Tutor Training Sessions  
Rustburg Main Library  
Nov. 15, 22, and 29  
9:00—12:00**

Nov. 15—Orientation to Volunteering as an  
Adult Literacy Tutor,  
Overview of the Adult Learner

Nov. 22— Making the Most of LitStart, Plan-  
ning Effective Lessons

Nov. 29 — Working with English  
Language Learners

OR

**Staunton River Memorial Library  
Altavista Dec. 10, 17  
9—1:00**

Dec. 10— Orientation to Volunteering as an  
Adult Literacy Tutor, Overview of the Adult  
Learner, Components of Reading Instruction

Dec. 17— Making the Most of LitStart, Plan-  
ning Effective Lessons, Working with  
English Language Learners

As needed, training modules for the  
Wilson Language System,  
and Strategies for Students with  
Learning Difficulties are available.  
For more information or to register,  
please call 332-9561  
or email  
lpwheeler@co.campbell.va.us

**Summer Conversation Group a Success**

Every summer seems to bring the same challenge: should we offer summer ESOL classes? Students and tutors are often traveling, and children are out of school. This causes a dramatic drop in attendance. Not surprisingly, many tutors choose to take the summer off. But this leaves no options for students who want uninterrupted instruction.

This year, our answer was to join forces with Lynchburg Literacy Council to offer a conversation group in an unused classroom at Lynchburg College in June and July, and in August at Forest Public Library. It was less structured than our regular group setting; there was no set curriculum, and the emphasis was on speaking and sharing cultural differences and similarities.

The group was comprised of current students and new arrivals from seven different countries, residing in either Lynchburg City, Campbell County or Bedford County.

Through this temporary arrangement, we were able to enroll two new students in an ongoing small group, and re-enroll two more students who had been away from the program for a while. We also served one student whose regular class was on summer break.

The summer conversation group was the subject of a story by Mark Thomas in the August issue of *Forest Life* news magazine.

The class was led by Sarah Brasher and Nicole Wagoner.

## Tutors

Did you know that you are one of the best advocates our program has? If you enjoy working with your student(s), be sure to tell your friends. Let them know about our upcoming training sessions.

*We can never help another without helping ourselves—*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## New Titles For Checkout In Literacy Collection

A concerted effort is underway to make the adult literacy collection more appealing. With the purchase of some individual book display easels, program manager Lynne Wheeler plans to display more titles so that the front cover faces out. This is especially important for literacy level books, which are typically very slim, leaving no visible title on the spine.

The adult literacy collection contains resource books for tutors, some non-fiction and educational books for students, and a limited number of fiction titles of various reading levels for adult learners to read for enjoyment. It also contains ESOL materials, such as picture dictionaries and *EASY* English DVDs. If you don't know where adult literacy is kept in your branch, ask one of your helpful librarians. (At Timbrook, the collection is located in the back room, so you may need to call ahead to ensure access.)

Keep in mind that **you may check out any book in the system whether or not is it housed at your branch.** Simply place a hold on it at your particular branch (or online from home) and it will be delivered to the specified branch within a few days by our library courier.

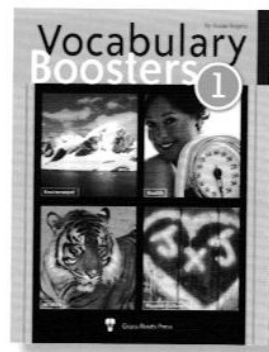
Make plans to visit the adult literacy collection at your next library visit.

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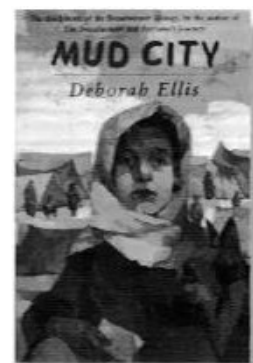
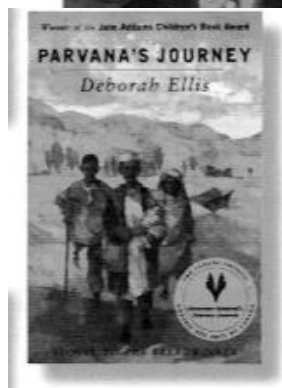
Some tutors may recall Dr. Noel Bowling's presentation in June of this year, in which he referenced *Words Their Way*, by Donald Bear. This book explains the popular and effective "word sort" activity, among other things. We now have several copies available for checkout.

We also purchased *Words Their Way with English Learners*, by the same author. For vocabulary strategies, check out *Bringing Words to Life: Robust Vocabulary Instruction*, by Isabel Beck. (Helpful for ABE and ESOL learners alike.)

Many of our students could benefit from Vocabulary Boosters 1, 2 or 3. Shelved at Rustburg presently, if there is demand, we may invest in a set for each branch. These are high-interest lessons on four major topics: environment, health, wildlife, and popular culture. You choose what interests your student or class most! The books contain activities that require the student to interact with new words in several ways to aid in retention. Contains some common idiomatic expressions that many ESOL learners have trouble with.



For new fiction, try *The Breadwinner* trilogy, by Deborah Ellis. These books tell the story of Parvana, a young Afghan girl, and her family, as they struggle to survive under Taliban rule. Level 5 and 6, or read aloud to lower level readers.



## **2010-11 Annual Report Figures**

**Total Enrollment—75 Students  
(ranging in age from 20 to 72)  
(A 23% increase over 2009-10)**

**17 Basic Literacy  
58 ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)**

**36 tutors provided nearly  
1700 hours of instruction during 2010-11  
9 new tutors recruited, trained and matched**

### **Student Goals Met**

**31 students met at least one significant goal  
(as measured by National Reporting System)**

**16 Entered or retained employment**

**2 Obtained drivers licenses**

**21 Increased educational functioning  
by at least one level**

**18 Increased involvement in child's  
education or literacy activities**

## *Thank you!*

Our contributors are very special to us. Thank you so much for your support of adult literacy in Campbell County. Your contributions to Literacy Volunteers-Campbell County Public Library are much appreciated. (Also tax-deductible!)  
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*OUR MISSION: to provide free, confidential, student-centered literacy and English language instruction for adults who live or work in Campbell County. Trained volunteers provide instruction.*

**LV-CCPL  
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October, 2011**

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**Upcoming events:**

**Oct. 26, 3:30– 5:00 Literacy Advisory Board Meeting**

**Nov. 15, 22, 29 Tutor Training Sessions Main Library, Rustburg 9-12**

**Dec. 10, 17 Tutor Training Sessions**

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**Business owners/managers: If your employees need help with basic reading, math or English-language skills, please contact our office. We may be able to help.**

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*Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.*

— *Joseph Addison, 1672-1719*

*English essayist and poet*