



# Literally Speaking



Washington County Literacy Council

August – October 2008

## Congratulations to our new Tutors!

Barbara Shipley  
Bonnie Mazzocchi  
Diane Sanford  
Denise Koch

Denise Reichmuth  
Dicksie Brashears  
Gordana Ritchie  
Hadassa Gaver  
James Saris

John Ditman  
Lisa Phillips  
Susie Salvagni  
Susie Young  
Wanna Lee Haught

We had a successful tutor workshop on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> where these folks completed the required training. They're now in the process of being matched with their new students.

Thank you to our Tutor Trainers -- Barb Creager and Becky Hein from Hagerstown, and Caroline Gaver, Joyce Routzahn, and Kate Butfer from Frederick.



### Check out a few photos from our July 12<sup>th</sup> Tutor Get-together.

We got to know each other while enjoying coffee and muffins. There was laughter, ideas and suggestions shared, and before we knew it, our time was up and we were planning our next get-together.



We hope you'll join us next time!



## Upcoming Events

- August 18 – **WCLC Monthly Board Meeting** (6:30pm at Memorial Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church). Board Meetings are open to the public and everyone is always welcome to attend.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – Frederick County Literacy Council **Tutor Training Workshop**. For more info, contact Chelsea at 301-600-2066 or [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org).
- October 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> – Washington County **Tutor Training Workshop**. Please share this info with friends and family who may be interested so they can contact Bill at 301-739-4208 to register.
- November– Our next **Tutor Get-together** will be held after the October Training Workshop. This is *your time* to share and hear items of interest with other tutors. We always look forward to seeing you and this is a time to come together in a relaxed atmosphere. The specific date will be announced in the Fall Newsletter.



## Some Housekeeping Issues...

Don't forget to call Bill at the office each month to report your Tutor Hours. Make sure to include your prep time, tutoring and travel time. We need to report your hours regularly to ProLiteracy.

## Tutor Tips

**Blackboard Bingo** -- Here's a fun game to help your student(s) review vocabulary.

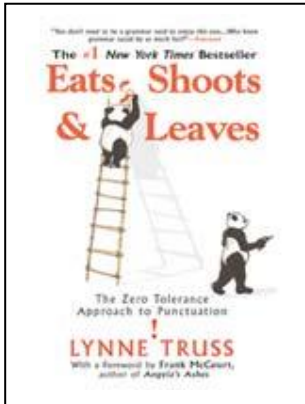
1. Choose 10 to 15 words that your student knows, write each word on a slip of paper, and put in a basket.
2. Then, write the same 10 to 15 words on the blackboard.
3. Ask your student to choose any five of the words and write them down. Remind him/her not to just write the first five.
4. Draw a slip of paper and read the word. If your student has written that word on their paper, they should circle it.
5. Continue calling words until someone has all 5 of their words drawn. That person should yell BINGO.
6. Have that student read back the words on the list. Check to see if he/she is correct. Have fun!

*Has your student accomplished something great? I'd love to publish it in the newsletter!  
Contact Brenda at 301-293-2426 or  
[ItsSimplyBrenda@aol.com](mailto:ItsSimplyBrenda@aol.com) to share your story.*



*Have you considered keeping a journal of your student's progress? It's a great motivator. They'll be amazed when they look back and see how far they've come!*

## *The Importance of Punctuation*



Have you experienced the fun of Eats, Shoots & Leaves by Lynne Truss? This book is a treasure-trove of entertainment and information. For example, Ms. Truss suggests comparing these two sentences:

A woman, without her man, is nothing.  
A woman: without her, man is nothing.

Richard Lederer, author of Anguished English, reviewed the book and writes, “There is a multitude of us riding this planet for whom apostrophe catastrophes, quotation bloatation, mad dashes, and other comma-tose errors squeak like chalk across the blackboard of our sensibilities. At last, we who are punctilious about punctuation have a manifesto, and it is titled Eats, Shoots & Leaves.”

For more fun, check out [www.eatsshootsandleaves.com/ESLquiz.html](http://www.eatsshootsandleaves.com/ESLquiz.html) to take the Punctuation Quiz.

## *Links to Help You...*

- ✓ [www.washcolibrary.org](http://www.washcolibrary.org) / -- Washington County Free Library. We particularly enjoy reading the Blogs in the Readers Corner section.
- ✓ [www.umbc.edu/alrc/](http://www.umbc.edu/alrc/) -- MD Adult Literacy Resources. Click on “Links”. At the bottom of the page, check out “Digital History” (a wealth of info) or play Hangman in “Free Dictionary”.

## *The Activity Corner*

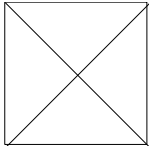
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### **HEALTHY FOOD Word Search**

Circle the healthy foods (listed below)  
that are hidden in the puzzle.

Use the remaining letters in the puzzle to fill in the  
blanks below and find the hidden message.

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|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Asparagus | Peach       | Banana   |
| Pineapple | Beans       | Plum     |
| Broccoli  | Rice        | Carrots  |
| Salad     | Cauliflower | Tofu     |
| Chicken   | Tomato      | Fish     |
| Turkey    | Lowfat      | Water    |
| Milk      | Whole Wheat | Oatmeal  |
| Yogurt    | Orange      | Zucchini |
| Pasta     |             |          |



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*Share the word about tutoring!*

**Tutor Question:**

Do you think your student would like to receive this newsletter? To add him or her to the mailing list, please contact Brenda at 301-293-2426 or [ItsSimplyBrenda@aol.com](mailto:ItsSimplyBrenda@aol.com)

