



# *Literally Speaking*

*Literacy Council of Washington County*



July – September 2009

## *Congratulations*

*to our newest Tutors!*

*They've completed our Spring 2009 Tutor Training Workshop.*



FRONT: Jodie Schmidt, Jean Carter, Katie Mosteller, Mary Marsh, Sally Widmeyer, Joyce Routzahn (Trainer)

MIDDLE: Becky Hein (Trainer), Lisa Sodee, Lyn Ivanowicz, Leda Werner, Caroline Rock, Adele Montgomery, Caroline Gaver (Trainer), Chelsea Henkel (Trainer), Barbara Creager (Trainer)

REAR: Tracy Holliday, Cesar Rivera, Mel Greenwald, Richard Montgomery, Bill Grove, Stephanie Rogan

*We thank each of you for your hard work and dedication while training.  
Good luck with your tutoring!*

## Upcoming Events

September 8, 2009, marks the annual **International Literacy Day** as proclaimed by UNESCO in 1965. Since its inception in 1946, UNESCO has remained a committed and dedicated champion of global literacy efforts. Yet, with over 774 million adults lacking minimum literacy skills, literacy remains an elusive target. This year's theme is "*The Power of Literacy.*"

What does "literacy" mean? The United Nations defines literacy as the ability to read and write a simple message in any language. Literacy is at the heart of basic education, and is essential for diminishing poverty, reducing child mortality, curbing population growth, achieving gender equality, and ensuring sustainable development, peace and democracy.

You can participate in **International Literacy Day** by organizing a fundraising event -- you can blog about it or Twitter it, but by all means remember the millions of illiterate children and adults who have not had the means to pursue a proper education like you have. Find a charity and donate, volunteer your services to promote building schools, raise funds to hire teachers, or teach the teachers if you're qualified to do so. Give back so that you may know how much has been given to you. Increase literacy and you increase self-empowerment.



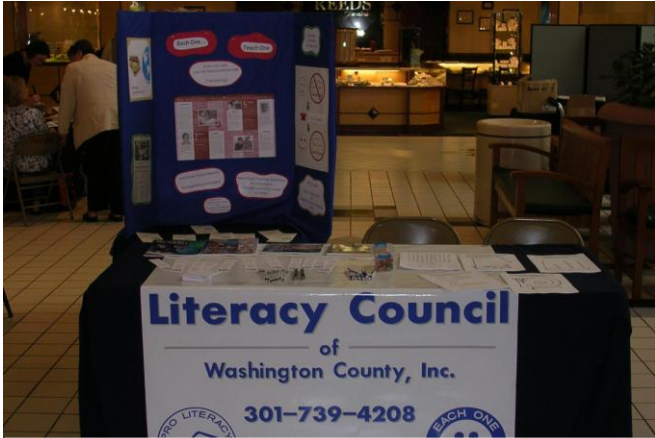
**Convoy of Hope** is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> at Hagerstown Fairgrounds (351 N Cleveland Avenue). The U.S. Outreach Department at Convoy of Hope plans over 50 outreaches each year in communities across the country. An Outreach is a one-day special community event designed to meet the human and spiritual needs of impoverished families. Outreaches give hope by providing groceries, health and dental screenings, haircuts, and games/activities to underprivileged children of all ages. Connections are established through job fairs, churches, government agencies, and community service organizations. On average, the event partners Convoy of Hope with 1,000 local volunteers to serve anywhere from 3,000-5,000 guests. This will be a huge carnival-type event. There will be:

- 30,000 lbs of groceries,
- Job and health fair,
- Family photos,
- Live entertainment with prizes and giveaways
- Kids fair with inflatable games, entertainment, food and prizes, and lots of other games.
- Hot lunches,
- Access to dozens of community resources and organizations,

Please stop by and visit our booth or volunteer to help us by calling the Literacy Office at 301-739-4208. We look forward to seeing you! For more info, check out <http://www.hopeforhagerstown.org/>.

# Current News

Did you get a chance to visit our booth at the Valley Mall for **Reading Day** in May? We thought it was a great success! We were in a good location and had plenty of folks stopping by. There was a magic show, costume parade, various storytellers, and author booths. We learned that Miss Western Maryland Outstanding Teen wants to promote student volunteerism during her reign and thinks the Literacy Council is a great place to volunteer.



Our Reading Day booth.



Kirk DeVore manning the booth

# The Activity Corner

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 N G U A K I N G S P  
 I M K R S E T A T S  
 T A X E S W Y L U J  
 E M O D E E R F M B  
 D F Y T R E B I L L  
 A W E N G L A N D U  
 R L L Z N W H I T E  
 A S K R O W E R I F  
 P J R U C Q L N L B

Blue	Flag	Liberty	Taxes
Congress	Freedom	Parade	United
England	July	Red	War
Fireworks	King	States	White

From the  
*"365 Stupidest Things Ever Said"*  
 Calendar

**MATHEMATICS  
 PLANNING FOR FORTH  
 GRADE**

(Title of a New York City  
 Department of Education  
 preparatory guide)

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In the future, there is no hunger, there is no greed,  
and every child will know how to read.

-- GENE RODDENBERRY

