



Literally Speaking

Literacy Council
of Washington County, Inc.



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Do you love to read and want to share that joy with someone else?
Then become a Tutor!

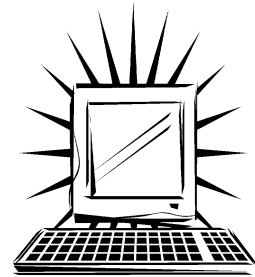
We invite you to attend our next **Tutor Training Workshop**
on May 14 & 21 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Please call the office (301-739-4208) to confirm your spot so we
have enough materials for everyone.

TUTORS – You're always welcome to stop by the office for supplies you may need. We have plenty of 3-ring binders, manila folders, labels, notepads, pencils, chalk, flash cards for words/numbers/colors/shapes, and transparency film.

For your **STUDENT** - We also have a large collection of supplemental reading materials. Check out the bookcases on the front office wall. The books are sorted by reading level. Some are very thin and easy with lots of color pictures. We also have easy to read bibles, biographies and mysteries. There's a w-i-d-e variety to choose from. Your student is sure to find something of interest!

Our office is open whenever the church is open,
Mon-Fri 8:30 – 4:30. Feel free to stop in anytime to pick up books and supplies.



FROM
The OFFICE

Upcoming Events

- ❖ May 7 -- Come visit our Reading Day booth at the Valley Mall
- ❖ May 14 & 21 – Hagerstown Tutor Training (Trinity Lutheran Church)
- ❖ May 16 – Board of Directors Meeting (6:30, Memorial Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church)
- ❖ September 17 & 24 – Frederick Tutor Training (C Burr Artz Library, Community Room)
- ❖ October 15 & 22 – Hagerstown Tutor Training (Trinity Lutheran Church)

Tutor Tips

Below are a few tips and ideas to help your **ESL students with conversation**
or your **Basic Lit students with writing assignments**.

General

- What would you like to be doing one year from now? Five years from now?
- What makes you happy/unhappy/jealous/excited/discouraged/relieved/amused?
- Bring in an advice column. Read the problem and ask your student for solutions.

Vocabulary

- When do you practice speaking English – at home, school, work, or shopping?
- Do you keep a notebook to write down new words?
- Idioms and their meanings.
- Practice pronunciation with tongue twisters.



Jobs/Job Hunting

- Do you have special skills/training? What do you do better than other people?
- What job did you do in your home country?
- Are you looking for work? Have a resume?
- What is your dream job?
- Analyze the Help Wanted classifieds.

U.S. Culture

- Teach acceptable forms of introduction.
- Compare/contrast America vs. home country.
- How America is different from what was expected.
- Before a holiday, give a brief history lesson.

Entertainment

- Discuss current events.
- What do you do in your free time? Hobbies? Movies/tv shows you like?
- Have everyone read and discuss the same book.

Health

- Discuss calling 911 for emergencies.

Family & Housing

- Have students tell about his/her family.
- Each student can give a verbal tour of home.

Travel

- Where have you visited?
- Are you planning a future vacation? Where?
- Discuss giving and receiving local directions.

Food

- What food do you eat here that you've never seen before?
- Is American food better or worse than food from your country?
- What did you eat before that you can't find here?
- What do you prepare for holidays/special occasions at home?

Money

- Do you have a bank account?
- What would you do if you won the lottery?
- How is shopping different in your country?

(Excerpted from Notebook, published by ProLiteracy)

Congrats to

*Our Tutor/Student
Coordinator,
Becky Hein,
on the birth
of her
granddaughter,
Sydney Rebecca,
born April 18th.*





Please keep us posted of your status!

It's a never-ending job keeping our Tutor/Student database up-to-date and we appreciate your help.

If you haven't been able to contact your student, need to take a break from tutoring, have address/ phone/ email changes, please let Brenda know.

Thank You!

The Joke Corner

The following were included on actual resumes:

- Through my career experiences I have become inept in communication skills.
- As indicted, I have over five years of analyzing investments.
- I consistently tanked as top sales producer for new accounts.

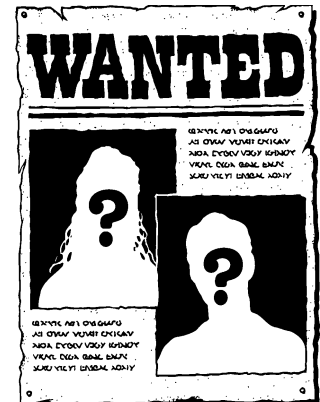
(Source: 365 Stupidest Things Ever Said)

We're in need of Tutor Trainers and Board Members.

If you've taken our 2-day Tutor Training Workshop, then you've met our hard-working dedicated Trainers. We had such an overwhelming response to our last Workshop that we have a waiting list of prospective Tutors, so now we need more Trainers.

We also need Board Members since some of our members have resigned due to moving out of state, family obligations, and illness. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Memorial Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church.

If you'd like more info on either of these opportunities, please contact Milt or Barb Creager at 301-797-3293 or jbcreag@myactv.net.



Tutor & Student Stats

We have 43 pairs of Tutors and Students working together.

Students waiting for a tutor -- 20

A big **THANK YOU** to every one of you!
We appreciate you!

Welcome!

To our newest Board Members -

Terry Galloway and Cindy Hockenbury

It's nice to see your smiling face at our monthly Board Meetings!

Please consider becoming a Member of the Literacy Council. Our **Membership Drive** runs every May. Your donation of \$5 (Member), \$10 (Sustaining Member), or \$20 (Patron) is tax deductible and is used to purchase workbooks and other materials for our Tutors and Students. Please show your support by mailing your check to our address on the back page. Thank You!

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Please contact our office to reserve your spot if you've:

- *always wanted to tutor or teach,*
- *want to make a positive difference in someone's life,*
- *still have one day of training to finish,*
- *want to give something back to your community,*
- *would like a refresher,*
- *want to help someone because someone helped you.*

No teaching experience is necessary.

Your future student can't wait to hear from YOU!

