



Lincoln Literacy's Spring 2013 Volunteer Inservice Training "The Building Blocks of Lesson Planning"

**6:30-8 pm
Tuesday, May 14
First Lutheran Church, 1551 South 70th Street**

We LISTEN and LEARN from you all. As we receive your comments and suggestions about our training and ongoing tutor events, we continue to receive requests for more demonstrations on lesson-planning.

With this in mind, this year's spring training and tutor gathering will feature a guided do-it-yourself lesson planning session conducted once again by long time Lincoln Literacy tutor and trainer Kathie Uhrmacher. Participants will find themselves with take-home ideas to apply to their own lessons.

Come meet other new and longtime tutors plus Lincoln Literacy trainers and staff members. You can also take a look at recent additions to the Lincoln Literacy resource library. A table of resource materials available in the Lincoln Literacy office library will be at the event. Light refreshments will be served as we maintain old friends and make new ones!

To help us in planning this event, please RSVP to Ginny Gross,
ggross@lincolnliteracy.org or 402.476.7323.

To view last fall's Tutor Town Hall session on lesson planning, held on October 11, visit our website and select "Tutor Tools." This portion of the web site is password protected: the password is "tutors."
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Check Out Our Annual Report!

If you weren't able to attend the Lincoln Literacy membership meeting on March 21st, you may have missed getting a copy of the 2012 Annual Report. But despair not! It is available in its entirety on our website . If viewing it online is not an option (or not enough of one), you can request a hard copy. Just send an email to info@lincolnliteracy.org. Be sure to include the address to which you would like it mailed.

Family Literacy (FLAIR)



FLAIR classes prepare the children of our refugee and immigrant families to succeed in school, provide their families with age-appropriate children's books and help their parents be involved in their children's education as they become fluent in English. University of Nebraska-Lincoln education students rotate through the program to get experience as teachers in a multicultural environment. Dr. Jane Hanson, Lincoln Literacy's FLAIR coordinator, reports that the students are doing a great job. Currently, FLAIR is offered at Everett Elementary, First Presbyterian Church, Roper Elementary, St. Paul United Methodist Church, American Lutheran Church and West Lincoln Elementary School. Recent FLAIR activities included learning about cats and telling cat riddles. (EXAMPLE: "What is a cat's favorite color? PURRRPLE.") FLAIR students also worked on the letter "N" and read a Dr. Seuss favorite, Sneetches, and then made their very own interpretations of Sneetches. In addition, they made clowns and learned about even more animals!

Lincoln Literacy and Matt Talbot Kitchen Team Up to Offer Adult Basic Literacy Classes



Lincoln Literacy is proud to now offer a weekly Adult Basic English class at Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach, which serves meals and provides services to local homeless and near-homeless people. These are the first group classes LL has offered to homegrown Americans who are facing the challenges of not being sufficiently literate in their own language. The classes are part of a program we call New Beginnings, which is being sponsored by generous grant from the Woods Charitable Fund.

Group Adult Basic literacy training is 'new territory' for Lincoln Literacy, reports the program site coordinator Amanda Hefner. She adds that staff and tutors are learning as much as the students, so that each week is somewhat different. "We really make an effort to celebrate little successes and to get the students excited about learning."

Lincoln Literacy intern Diana Larson agrees. She says that "We have had such a fabulous, eye-opening experience, and are learning new things every week, including the importance of re-counting the number of blank spaces when playing 'the Flower Game,' our less violent, modified version of 'Hangman.'"

Classes began on Valentine's Day and take place each Thursday evening from 6 to 7:30 pm at Matt Talbot, 2121 N. 27th Street. Adults of all abilities are welcome to join anytime.

New Streamlined Training For Adult Basic Tutors Offered

Adult Basic training has been central to Lincoln Literacy's training since our agency's founding in 1972. As increasing numbers of English language learners became Lincoln Literacy students, training for both Adult Basic and ELL tutors was combined, with English instruction gradually coming to dominate.

Now, to better serve the needs of volunteer tutors, Lincoln Literacy has unbraided the two kinds of training, and in tandem with ELL tutor training it now offers a monthly two-hour workshop especially designed for Adult Basic tutors. After a one-hour orientation for both ELL and Adult Basic tutors, incoming tutors who will work with Adult Basic students progress to a single, two-hour session conducted by our Adult Basic Coordinator Esther Ortiz and her husband, Southeast Community College GED Instructor Mike Ortiz.

This session includes concepts of mentoring, descriptions of the needs of adult learners and the obstacles that Adult Basic students often have faced in their past learning experiences. The training also includes an introduction to the basic techniques for teaching reading and writing as an Adult Basic tutor, as well as information about helpful resources for Adult Basic Education tutors. After either the Adult Basic or ELL tutor training, Lincoln Literacy offers ongoing assistance to both Adult Basic and ELL tutors in a variety of ways: instructional materials, video content, in-person shadowing opportunities and staff coaching. A tutor may request retraining in another category, or further training in any area we offer. If interested, please contact the Lincoln Literacy office for more information or to arrange an opportunity to visit with a staff member or to obtain contact information for a volunteer trainer.

Goodwill Supports Lincoln Literacy

Whether you're a thrift shop fan or philanthropist, please keep Goodwill your sights. When you donate clothing or household items to Goodwill Industries Serving Southeast Nebraska, you're helping Lincoln Literacy, because Goodwill generously passes on some of the proceeds of its thrift store sales to us. It amounts to more than \$15,000 a year! Goodwill Industries also helps train the people we serve to find and hold good jobs. You can take donations to any of their five Lincoln locations, and shop there as well, or try their online services. Thank you for helping Goodwill helping us.