

New Tutors



Pictured are three new tutors who completed the 15-hour training program this month. They are Julie Edwards, Dyk Luben, and Anne Baxter. They were provided with information on the organization and its origins, adult learning theory, and how to use the language experience story. Other topics included teaching phonics, sight words and word patterns, as well as information on comprehension, testing, goal setting, and lesson planning. They are already matched with a student and have begun to work with them once a week for about 90 minutes along with some homework.

If you know of someone who needs help in improving their reading, writing, speaking, or math skills, please encourage them to call 974-1812 Mon-Thur. from 9:am-1:00 pm and make an appointment with our Program Coordinator.



FUNDraisers

President/Chef Kevin Matsil makes soup for sale Pitt Street Brewing fundraiser.

Pizza Inn fundraiser-Board members ready to serve!

Tutors and Volunteers donated 1495 hours of their time to Literacy Volunteers in 2022!

Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County

Make an investment in the future and share the joy of learning!
(Please include this form with your check*)

Name _____

Address _____

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_____ Freshman \$25 _____ Senior Class \$50 _____ Graduate Student \$75
_____ Professor \$100 _____ Undeclared Major \$ _____

_____ Legacy-A bequest to secure our future-contact our office.

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Spring Fling



Literacy Volunteers of Beaufort County celebrated (despite rain and cold temps) the successes of a special student and work of many tutors. About 30 tutors and guests attended the “Spring Fling” on Sunday afternoon, March 12th. The event was graciously hosted by LVBC partner, Pamlico Books in their used book area. The table was set with punch, cupcakes, pecan bars, lemon squares, nuts, crab dip and special packages of “lifesaver” mints.

The group enjoyed getting to know one another followed by a short program. First there was a presentation of a graduation cap to our most recent GED graduate. Continuing the happy occasion, Pat Lurvey, Executive Director presented certificates and special pins to volunteer tutors for years of service. They are Bill Angus (8 years), John O’Neill (8 years), Jane Stokes (13 years), and Nila Wehrenberg (13 years). Tutors not able to attend were Gail Ambrose-(5 years), Lou Carter (5 years), Patsy Wallace (6 years), Bonnie Walker (8 years), Margaret Hudson (9 years), Ann Crew (11 years), Robin Smart (16 years), Donna Parker (16 years), and Doris Emer (20 years).

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Congratulations to our GED graduate!

She came to us in early spring of 2019 at 18 years old. She had never gone to a school of any kind. Her circumstances had been most unfortunate, but luck changed when she asked a friend to be her guardian and take her in from an unfortunate family circumstance. Happily, she had been able as a child to watch television (PBS) and with close captions, etc. taught herself to read. LVBC assigned Mrs. Cornelia Pleasants as a tutor and they began to work. Her guardian transported her from Williamston each week. She was able to pass the reading part of the GED by 2020 and began to work on both the Science and Social Studies tests while working a full-time job. In 2022, Mrs. Linda Beddard began to work with her starting with addition/subtraction and continued for 272 hours of tutoring with her passing the Math portion of the GED in December of 2022! She is now enrolled with a scholarship at Pitt Community College where she has a 4.0 grade point average along with working a 40 plus hour job. The group donated gifts to the student who is now setting up her first apartment. Mrs. Beddard received a special plaque for her dedication to the organization.

DID YOU Know?

Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC)

According to the American Community Survey 2013-2017 five-year estimate compares Beaufort County to North Carolina in Literacy:

Percentages at or below Level 1 is noticeably higher **(24%)***

Percentage at Level 2 is noticeably higher **(38%)****

*Level 1: Adults can read relatively short digital or print texts to locate a single piece of information that is identical to or synonymous with the information given in the question. Knowledge and skill in recognizing basic vocabulary, determining the meaning of sentences, and reading short paragraphs of text is expected.

**Level 2: Adults can make matches between the text, either digital or printed, and information. Adults can paraphrase or make low-level inferences.

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