

MCLIT NEWSLETTER

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A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM

Dear Friends of McLit,
Happy 2020! With the new year comes a fresh start, and we are looking forward to a great 12 months ahead. McLit ended the year strong with another successful Joseph Project in December. Participants worked hard throughout the week-long program, brushing up on their interviewing and interpersonal skills as well as finetuning their resumés and budgeting practices. As always, Pastor Yao Yang of The Cross Church and McLit were on hand to offer instruction, guidance and support. The next session will be held in March. We also would like to extend a big

thank you to all of our helper elves! Our inaugural Letters to Santa program was a big success, and with the help of our volunteers, we were able to answer hundreds of letters from local children (and even a few from out of state)! Moving forward, we are looking for volunteers available in the afternoons/early evenings to staff our office at the Hmong American Center. We also would love to see some new faces at our Salvation Army location, especially in the afternoons.

Those interested can contact us at 715.679.6170 or e-mail at mcclitofwausau@gmail.com.

- The McLit Team

WHO WE ARE

We are McLit, Marathon County Literacy Council, Inc.

It is our mission to improve quality of life through literacy.

WHAT WE DO

We offer free tutoring services including, but not limited to:

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- English Language Learning
- Health
- Finance
- Computers

WHERE WE ARE

[Marathon County Public Library](#)

1st Floor 300 N. First St.
Wausau, WI 54403

[The Salvation Army](#)

2nd Floor 202 Callon St.
Wausau, WI 54401

[Hmong American Center](#)

1109 N. Sixth St.
Wausau, WI 54403

[Marshfield Public Library](#)

1055 Maple Ave.
Marshfield, WI 54449

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Literacy foundation brings books behind bars, connects inmates to their children

When a parent is incarcerated at a prison, the connection between them and their child can be broken. The Children's Literacy Foundation says it's trying to reestablish those connections through storytelling.

"I think the CLiF program is awesome. It definitely keeps us together with our kids. It's like something we can kind of still be there for in a way," said an inmate, who asked that we not give their name.

Read the full article on our website!

<https://mclitofwausau.org/news>



Graduation Day: Participants of the Joseph Project celebrate completion of the job prep program in December with Yauo Yang, pastor of The Cross Church in Wausau.

Reading brings us unknown friends.

~ Honoré de Balzac

UPCOMING EVENTS

To view our events page, click the link below:

<https://mclitofwausau.org/events>

January

13

McLit Board Meeting,
5:30 p.m. @ Marathon
County Public Library

14

McLit Tutor Training, 6
p.m. @ MCPL

18

McLit Tutor Training,
10 a.m. @ MCPL

22

Book Club, 11:30 a.m.
@ The Landing, YMCA.
The Bone Woman by
Clea Koff

Early Literacy Facts (Scottish Book Trust):

- ❖ A child needs to hear 1,000 stories before he/she will learn to read
- ❖ Books contain 50 percent more "rare" words than prime-time television
- ❖ The child who knows four nursery rhymes by age four will naturally be a better reader by age eight
- ❖ 50 percent of words in the English language can be sounded out phonetically while the other half you just need to recognize when reading
- ❖ A child needs to hear a word 250 times before he/she will remember it