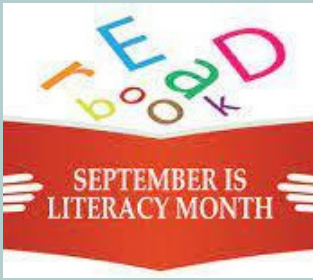


# LITERACY BI-MONTHLY

McLit, Marathon County Literacy Council, Inc.

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*A Message*

## From the Executive Director



### **McLit Information Spewed by the Director:**

What a wonderful time to celebrate LITERACY! The air is fresh and cool! Corn is tall, apples are crisp, and the leaves are beautiful. In honor of September being National Literacy Month, we have added more hours of availability on Saturday afternoons, by appointment. In October, we are looking forward to Health Literacy Month, and are collecting cans of food for the United We Can Drive. Please feel free to drop off cans of food, even if you are not using our services. In November, we start our Letters

From Santa drive. We are always looking for volunteers to help us write personal letters to each child who sends a letter to Santa. (We are "helper elves," and respond to letters placed in our Santa mailboxes around town.) AND December is our fundraising month! Join us for breakfast with the Grinch and pictures with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. We hope you will join us in the upcoming festivities or drop our learning center to use our computer lab and/or receive assistance in an area that you need a little practice or help in.

**Connie Heidemann, Executive Director, McLit**

## Introduction

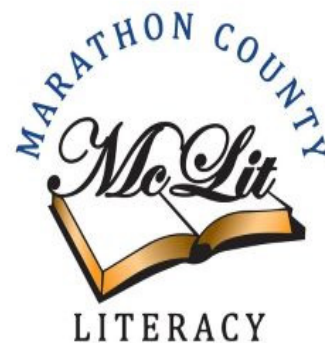
Welcome to our September newsletter! In the following pages, we share updates from McLit, local literacy news, and feature profiles of our hardworking learners, volunteers, and team members.

As always, McLit has continued to support local literacy through its education center, outreach, and partnerships.

August and September were busy months for McLit, which tabled at the Wisconsin Valley Fair and Children's Fest. The team also helped mentor another class of Joseph Project participants, and will continue to do so as they start their new jobs, or carry on the job search! We invite you to read even more about our "goings on" in this month's edition of our newsletter, which features a comprehensive look at our English Language Learning Plus program. The "plus" reflects our dedication to all language learners, including native English speakers interested in learning a new language.

In the weeks ahead, we look forward to tabling at the Boomer Expo and Harvest Fest as well as our inaugural fundraiser, featuring Santa and the Grinch. More information can be found in the pages ahead. Enjoy!

~McLit



## Who we are

Our mission: *Improve quality of life through literacy.*

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the students who enter our program(s). We provide free tutoring services to Marathon County and surrounding areas.

We support and promote literacy at all ages. Areas of instruction include reading, writing, math, finance, health, workforce, computers, ESL/ELL.



## McLit's English Language Learning+ Program picks up speed, expands

By Ligia Pineda & Johanna Nelson

Whether it is learning a new language for professional, personal, or recreational reasons, the McLit English Language Learning Plus (ELL+) Program is going strong. In fact, recent months have seen the number of active students increase. Headed by McLit's Ligia Pineda and Jodi Schreier, the program's flexible approach allows tutor-learner pairs to work out their own schedules and curricula to best fit their specific goals.

"You can learn any language you want, if you have the ambition," Pineda says.

Read on to learn more about the nuts and bolts of the program, as well as the diverse group of tutors and learners who help make it a strong and thriving component of McLit.

- **ELL+ Program Vision:**

McLit's vision is to be a leading resource and champion for language learners in Wausau and surrounding communities.

- **ELL+ Program Mission:**

To provide individual and group tutoring for peo-

ple learning a new language, or building upon their current skills, in order to help nurture cultural diversity, expand personal and professional opportunities, and improve quality of life.

- **ELL+ Program set up**

The program is set up to work with the learner individually or in small groups based on personal preference. Classes are determined based on the learner's availability during McLit's weekday hours, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment on Saturdays.

The program works mainly with textbooks, computer programs, and informal conversation.

- **ELL+ Program Tutoring Philosophy**

We believe that every learner brings a unique background that helps to shape personalized interactions with his/her tutor. This makes the learning process fun and informal.

Currently, McLit has a diverse group of 12 active learners, whose heritages span all seven continents. The program is comprised of two primary tutors; however, McLit is always willing to expand based on student interest, community needs, and accommodations to newcomers in the area.

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## Ligia Pineda: ELL+ Tutor

- **What languages do you speak?**

I Speak my native language, Spanish, and English.

- **What is your approach to teaching a new language?**

I use an ELL textbook that tells the story of an immigrant going through different struggles in a new country (the United States), and from there I expand to teach pronouns, tenses, and conjugations as they apply to each individual student.

- **What is special about the McLit ELL+ Program?**

The program is one-on-one, and tailors textbook basics to fit each student's unique learning style and goals.

- **Favorite story from working with a student?**

I once taught a student English nursery rhymes because he wanted to recite them to his own child. He was a rural worker, and he particularly enjoyed Jack and Jill because it reminded him of his youth, when he had to get water from a well.

- **What do you learn from working with students?**

I learn how people from everywhere have the same struggles and experiences.

- **Discuss the challenging and rewarding parts of teaching**

One of the challenges is that your life has to be balanced to transmit security and knowledge based in fact. A reward of teaching is that you feel useful and blessed to be a part of someone's future.

- **How can people interested in being a student or a tutor get involved?**

They can come and learn about our program by talking to the tutors or executive director Connie Heidemann, and express their interest by filling out a tutor application, or choose a day and time to come for lessons.

- **How has the ELL+ Program expanded?**

McLit will be open from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays for ELL students who might not have time during the work week. The "plus" in our program title also signifies that we can teach any language our students are interested in by connecting them with resources and individuals who can help them. We even have native English speakers learning Spanish.

- **Are there additional opportunities through the**

### ELL+ Program?

Conversation groups will be open from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday as an opportunity to practice English with, and get to know, other students. ■





## Jodi Schreier: ELL+ Tutor

- **What is your approach to teaching a new language?**

Start with the basics and expand from there. Make lessons fun and real world. Some fun topics that I have taught in the month of August include shopping, American money, and popular foods.

- **What is special about the McLit ELL+ Program?**

I love our *What's Next* workbook series where it puts you into the mind of an immigrant. Lessons on finding an apartment, learning English, and searching for a job are very important for our learners. I also think that our tutoring staff is very experienced and has a genuine passion for helping.

- **What do you learn from working with students?**

I have always loved learning about other cultures and languages so I thoroughly enjoy the exchange of vocabulary and customs.

- **Discuss the challenges and rewarding parts of teaching**

The only challenge I have initially is learning the student's personality. Once I know what learning style they respond too, it is easy to keep the lessons coming. The rewarding part is taking a shy, apprehensive person and making them feel comfortable with trying and making mistakes.

- **What does a typical class look like?**

Class time will usually include a lesson from our *What's Next* workbook. It is a combination of reading, writing, listening, and comprehension. Beyond the *What's Next* lesson, each session is then tailored to a fit the individual personality.

One student may want to practice restaurant words with the intention of securing a job as a cook. Another student may want help studying information for a citizenship test.

- **How has the ELL+ Program expanded?**

McLit is always adapting to the flow and type of students.

Because our ELL+ Program has been so popular this summer, we have added a special Saturday group session for fall.

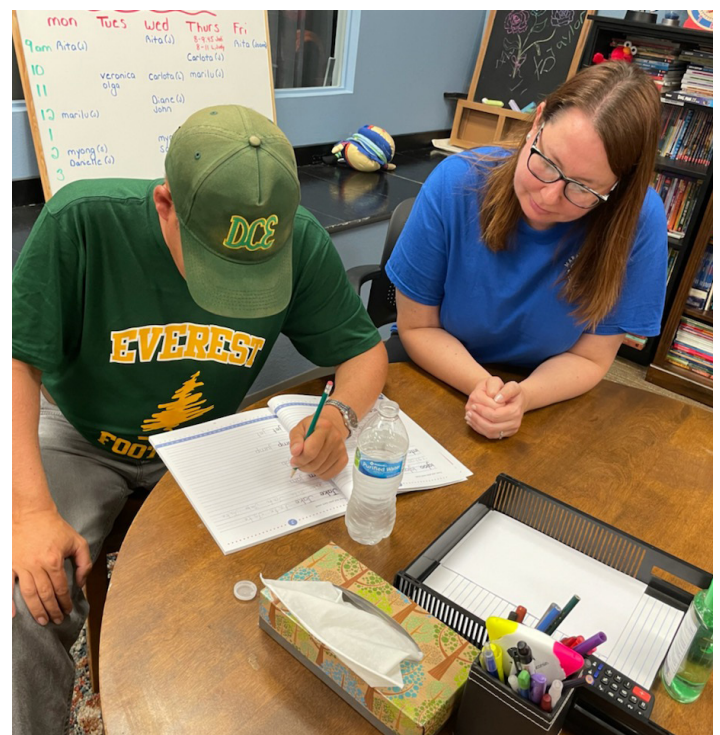
We can also match learners to a tutor who has special evening or weekend hours.

The new group lessons are a great approach for those

students who want to practice conversation and like to feel part of a community.

It can be great motivation to keep coming back when an entire group of learners is expecting to see your smiling face.

We also have connections for people who are looking to learn a foreign language. We have many learners who would rather learn from an actual person than be partners with a computer program. Person-to-person tutoring can prolong attention span and give helpful nonverbal clues. ■



## Carmen Fernandez: ELL+ Tutor

- **What languages do you speak?**

English and Spanish.

- **What is your approach to teaching a new language?**

My approach to teaching another language is to teach everyday phrases and words to help the students better communicate with others in their communities.

- **What is special about the McLit ELL+ Program?**

The best thing about McLit is that it's free.

- **Favorite story from working with a student?**

This happens quite often, but seeing their eyes light up and the smile on their face when I explain why they must say a certain phrase one way instead of another, relating it to their language, makes me happy. I know it makes them happy to be able to connect the dots as to the "why's" so they feel more confident about the "how's" of the English language structure.

- **What do you learn from working with students?**

I learn so much from my students! They are so grateful and so eager to help me better teach them. Their eagerness to learn is contagious!

I find that sharing personal struggles and experiences encourages students because they know we care and want to get to know them so they want to learn even more as they get to know us as well.

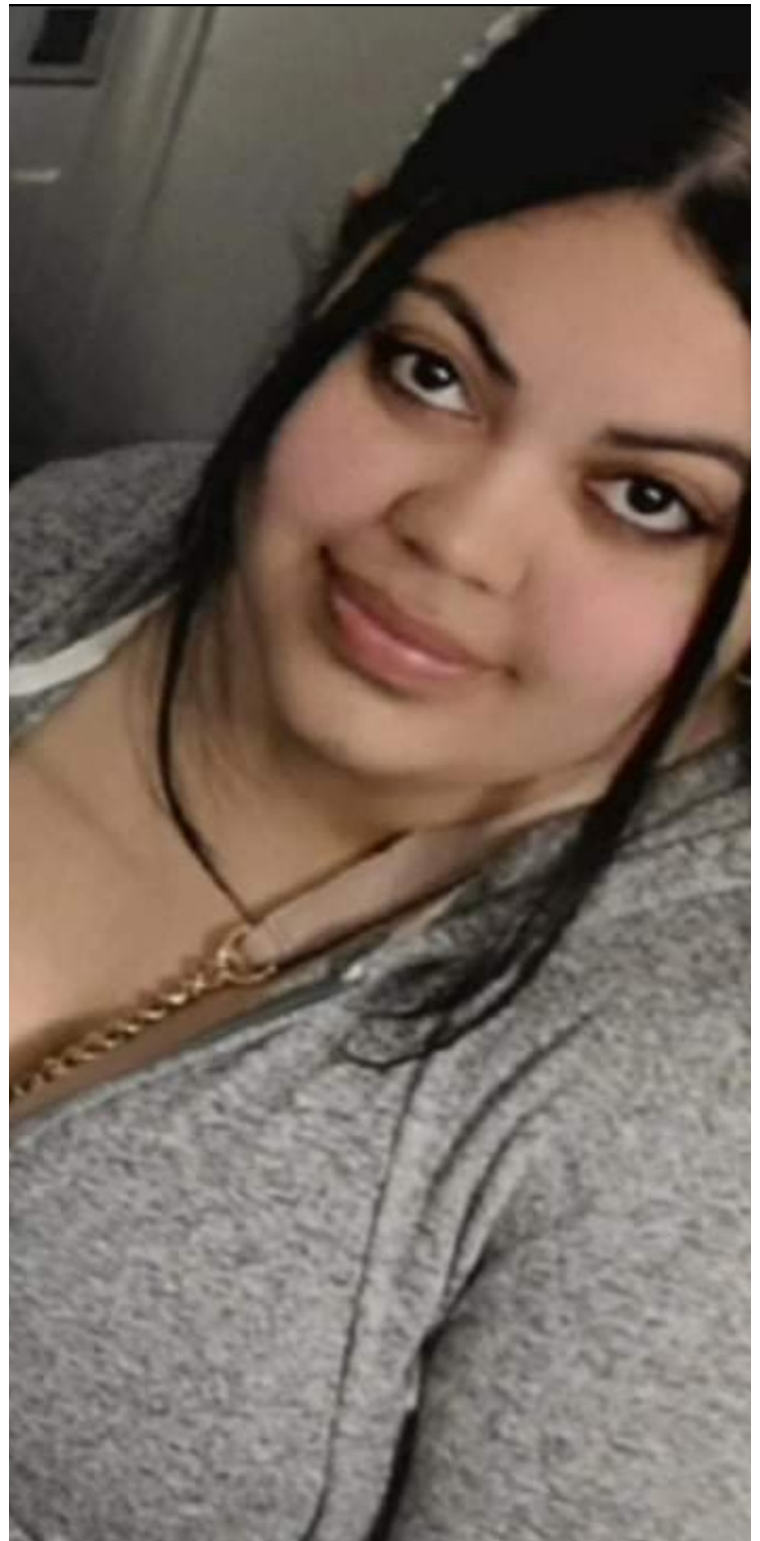
- **Discuss the challenging and rewarding parts of teaching**

I feel the only time teaching can be challenging is when a student doesn't want to learn because you see no growth. When they do, and apply themselves to really try, they excel - now that's rewarding.

- **How has the ELL+ Program expanded?**

We are now opening new hours for Spanish speaking students who can't make it during our 9-4 hours due to work. It's for conversational English classes. We also have group lesson opportunities in the making. We have done a few, Lydia (Fernandez-Wagner) and I, and find it to be very beneficial in learning to converse with one another as well as encourage each other.

- **Are there additional opportunities through the ELL+ Program?**



Yes, Lydia is in the process of starting a Spanish class at 3 p.m. for those interested in learning Spanish as a second language. It's a conversational class to help tutors communicate with the Spanish-speaking students.

- **Any additional comments?**

I feel it is crucial for English-speaking tutors to learn Spanish as well. It's beneficial in communicating the reasoning for certain rules in the English language to their students so they can better understand. ■



## Lydia Fernandez-Wagner: ELL+ Tutor

- **What languages do you speak?**

I speak English and Spanish.

- **What is your approach to teaching a new language?**

My approach to teaching a new language is through learning the language's basic rules as well as phonics. Conversational phrases and vocabulary words as well as those words that are very similar to the Spanish words so it's easier for them to remember. I use fun activities such as scenarios, role play, simulations, and information gap activities to get them up and moving. These activities keep the lessons more relatable so they can better remember the words and phrases.

- **What is special about the McLit ELL+ Program?**

Everyone is welcome and can learn in a laid back, friendly atmosphere. The fact that it's free of charge keeps it open to everybody.

- **Favorite story from working with a student?**

My favorite story from working with a student would be when I was teaching the sounds of vowels. Now since in Spanish, the "i" says the "e" sound, I've had to come up with creative ways to teach unfamiliar sounds. I teach them to wrinkle their noses like a bunny when they say the short "i" sound, which helps make the sound as well as serving as a visual. One of my "more seasoned" students did the short "i" sound first, then wrinkled her nose afterward. When she and everyone else realized what she had done, they all started laughing. It was the cutest thing. Especially coming from such a fun student that knows you're never too old to learn a new language.

- **What do you learn from working with students?**

What I learn from our students is what I've always known to be true in all my years of teaching; they all learn differently. I also learn about their cultures and countries, which is one of the best things I love about teaching English as a second language. The stories they share are absolutely phenomenal!

I often share stories about my life experiences as object lessons to help them remember certain phrases as well as my culture. Although our cultures are very similar, there are quite a few differences in each one.

- **Discuss the challenging and rewarding parts of teaching**

The only challenges in teaching have to do with time.



The time a student puts toward learning makes a difference. Some students either don't have the time to study what they've learned, or don't make the time. The ones who do really excel. Getting them to apply themselves outside of class is the struggle because that requires motivation on their part, not ours. The rewarding part of teaching is seeing those students excel. Knowing that I was able to help someone get ahead in life, because being able to bridge that language gap is crucial, is the most rewarding feeling ever!

- **How has the ELL+ Program expanded?**

We have begun new hours on Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for our students who are learning English or Spanish to practice conversating in the language they are learning. Unlike the hours during the week, these are limited until the need grows. Also, we are only doing Saturdays by appointment for now. Group sessions are beginning next week for Spanish lessons in the afternoon. We are excited to have all our staff learning some conversational Spanish to be able to greet our Spanish-speaking students and direct them to the right place, as well as get to know them by name. I'll be teaching the class so I will be making it fun and interactive, which makes it memorable and easier to retain the information. Not only will everyone learn the Spanish language, but the cultures as well. Hope to see you there. :)

- **Any additional comments?**

I would like to say that it is a privilege to volunteer at McLit because making a difference in someone else's life is the most rewarding feeling you will ever have. ■

# Thank you to our generous sponsors!



McLit extends a heart-felt thank you to the **B.A. & Esther Greenheck Foundation** for its generosity. The foundation recently awarded McLit a grant in support of the Share a Story program, which helps parents/guardians and their children under 5 learn and practice vocabulary and early literacy skills. The program is available on a drop-in basis Monday-Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the McLit Learning Center.





Thank you to the **Walmart Community Grant** program and the **Wisconsin Public Service Foundation** for their generous donations to McLit! With their help, McLit was able to complete a window renovation project that provided tinting to the storefront displays. We are excited to be more energy- and cost-efficient in addition to better protecting our window displays (which used to fade or become damaged). Come check out our new fall- and Halloween-themed showcases.





## ELL+ Students

### Norma Rodriguez, Mexico City

I am Norma Rodriguez, from Mexico City. I was a police officer in my country. My reason for learning English is for the purpose of working with the people in our community, both English and Spanish speakers. I just got a promotion at work, which brings a lot more responsibilities, so I am so grateful that my teacher recognized my need to learn certain words and phrases pertaining to my job and was able to teach me in a way that I can understand. The fact that she speaks Spanish fluently helps me to explain exactly what I understand and don't understand, as well as what I must learn quickly in order to do my job properly. ■

### Alexander, Wausau, WI



My name is Alexander and I am an ELL tutor at McLit. Currently I work two jobs as a server assistant and preloader. I am in recovery and I volunteer to help stay clean. I have two awesome kids. McLit is helping me learn Spanish, once I'm fluent I plan to learn Japanese next. I enjoy longboarding, gardening, biking, hiking, and reading. In five years, I see myself graduated, with my Bachelor's degree in ESL or something similar. It's my dream to travel abroad and experience as many different cultures as possible.

Mi nombre es Alexander, yo soy un tutor del Programa de Ingles como Segundo Idioma en Marathon County Literacy Council. Yo tengo dos trabajos, soy un asistente de servicio de comida y tambien soy voluntario en McLit. La razon por la que mantengo ocupado. Todo el tiempo es porque estoy en recuperacion y necesito estar limpio de drogas. Tengo dos ninos fabulosos. McLit me ayuda con mi Espanol, y cuando sea bilingue quiero empezar con el idioma Japones. Yo disdruto pasear en mi longboard, hacer jardineria, escalar y leer. En cinco anos, yo me veo graduandome de maestro de Ingles como segundo idiola o algo similar a esta carrera. Mi sueno es viajar fuera del pais y tener en todas las diferentes culturas. ■

### Marilú Graciela Segovia Pérez, Venezuela



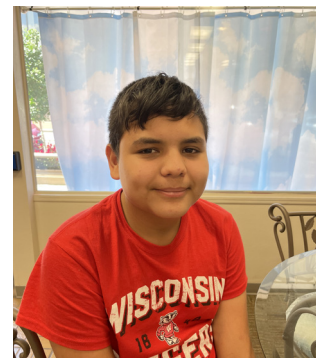
Marilú Graciela Segovia Pérez.

I am from Venezuela. My language is Spanish. My purpose is to learn English, I live in Wausau. In Venezuela my job was that of administration manager, in Cantv (Compañía Nacional Teléfonos de Venezuela) for the last 10 years. Before my job I was an Auditor in a public company, for approximately 15 years.

My plan is to work in a company in the administrative area, I have a Bachelor's Degree in Public Accounting and a Bachelor's Degree in Administration, specializing in Finance.

I want good health, tranquility, peace, my house, my car and to live close to my children and my grandchildren. ■

### Carlos Eduardo Menchú Alonzo, Guatemala City



My name is ardo Menchú was born in City on Feb- My favorite Lasagna, and vorite food is favorite book Steelheart.

hobby is riding with bike, but it's not my favorite sport, in fact, my favorite sports are volleyball and badminton, I had been playing both sports until I didn't have more time. I also went to swimming lessons, and I'm good at it, but it's not my favorite sport either. I've traveled to four different countries: Salvador (1 time), Honduras (1 time), Mexico (countless times), and United States (5 times). I came to MCLIT to receive my virtual classes from Guatemala, and because my aunt Ligia Pineda works here. It is a good place to study, and practice my English. ■

Carlos Edu-Alonzo, I Guatemala ruary 13th. food is my least fa-broccoli. My is called:

My favorite

## ELL+ Students

### Carlota, Mexico



My name is Carlota.  
 I was born in Mexico. The name of my town is San Mateo Oetzacatipan.  
 I married an American man and now stay in the United States for most of the year.  
 I ended my formal education in Mexico at the age of 10 and I started attending sewing classes.  
 In Mexico, I did not have time for hobbies because I worked a lot and then became a mother and took care of my children as well.  
 In the United States, I go to English classes at McLit and I study a lot.  
 I like to do alterations at home on my sewing machine and I like to cook traditional Mexican food like tamales. My favorite American food to make at home is chicken noodle soup. ■

### Mia, South Korea



Hi! My name is Mia. I'm from South Korea. I came to the United States in 1987. I lived in Colorado for a little over 10 years and Merrill, Wisconsin for about 10 years. I moved to Wausau this April and I like it. I play the piano, cook, read books and am learning the computer. I met Connie the director at the Clubhouse and she suggested I stop by so I did. I would like to get a data entry job someday so I started typing and learning the computer at McLit. The teachers here are super nice and wonderful and very helpful. I really appreciate them. In 5 years, I will continue to learn. I will achieve my goals and follow my plans. I will use what I learned and hopefully share with others. I want to say thank you to McLit for giving me an opportunity to learn and grow. God bless you and I hope that you have a wonderful day! ■



McLit collected nonperishable food items and made a big slice of pumpkin pie for the **2021 United We Can** food drive. All cans were donated to the Marathon County Hunger Coalition. Check out the entries online and cast your vote for the "best in show" at <https://www.unitedwaymc.org/united-we-can-2021-peoples-choice/> Voting lasts through October 8. ■





# JOIN US AT HARVEST FEST

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10 AM TO 2 PM

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**Hear a story**

**“5 little pumpkins”**

# Events Calendar

## LITERACY EVENTS OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2021

Tuesday, October 5, online. Wisconsin Literacy Fall Virtual Conference. For more information, visit <https://wisconsinliteracy.org/events-news/fall-virtual-conference.html>

Wednesdays, October 6-November 17, 7:00 P.M., at YWCA Wausau, 613 5th St., Wausau. Getting You Financially Lit!, a workshop for those ages 16 to 26 who wish to learn how to manage their finances. The cost for the full series is \$20. See <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/getting-you-financially-lit-a-finance-program-for-young-adults-tickets-170538531338>

Thursday, October 7, 6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M., online. Refugee Resettlement in Wausau - A Public Education Event. New Beginnings for Refugees will host this discussion about the refugee resettlement program coming to Wausau. Community leaders will answer common questions and talk about how they will support this effort. Visit <https://www.newbeginningswi.org/> to register.

Monday, October 11, 5:30 P.M., at the McLit Learning Center, 515 N. 3rd St., Wausau, or on Zoom. McLit board meeting.

Wednesday, October 27, 11:00 A.M., at The Landing, Woodson YMCA, 707 N. 3rd St., Wausau. The Landing Literacy Book Club will discuss Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich.

Monday, November 8, 5:30 P.M., at the McLit Learning Center, 515 N. 3rd St., Wausau, or on Zoom. McLit board meeting.



**Congratulations to the September 2021 Joseph Project graduates!** The local chapter of the statewide program is coordinated by Pastor Yauo Yang of The Cross Church and Maggie Cronin, district scheduler for Congressman Tom Tiffany. McLit helps provide support to JP participants during and after the week-long program for professional development and job procurement.



“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know and YOU are the guy who’ll decide where to go.” **Hopefully, McLit is your choice!**

Credit: The Places You’ll Go by Dr. Seuss

# COME JOIN *McLit* AND MEET THE GRINCH AND SANTA IN ONE PLACE!

**Photo ops, crafts, and refreshments available**

Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021

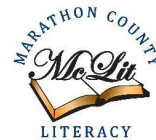
9:30 am till 1:00 pm



Start your holidays with “Grinch” fun!



## ALL AGES WELCOME!



## A Typical, Magical Fall Day at McLit by Jodi Schreier

One of our quietest students is an adult learner named Matt. He comes to the Marathon County Literacy Council every Tuesday and Thursday like clockwork. He loves sports and helps locally with some area teams. It is not unusual to see him in a sports T-shirt and a baseball cap. Since he is a regular tutee, he has his very own cubby hole at McLit where he keeps his workbooks. Our highest table is his favorite and sometimes Matt nonchalantly listens in on other lessons that are happening around him. After a few minutes he opens his workbook, picks up his pencil and begins his lesson of the day. Matt works diligently to perfect his printed letters. Word and sentence books help him practice spelling common words. He is excellent at working independently but we check in on him often to offer encouragement and suggestions.

Soon after we open, Carlos, a student visiting us from Guatemala, and a few other students from our English Language Learner Plus program enter. Carlos uses our largest table as his home base for online studying. He brings his own laptop and headphones and works for most of the day. The other ELL students head downstairs for a group session led by our worker, Lydia. Today they are playing a fun game of “find me a...” where they have to look around the room to point out the object, using English vocabulary. After the game, the lesson continues with vocabulary words found in common rooms of the house.

Around 10:30 a.m., our learner Travis, who is studying health through NTC, pops in. He comes to use our computers to take his chapter quizzes. A staff member or volunteer usually sits with him and we read part of his chapter together and help to keep him on track when he gets stuck on a question. Travis is very smart and has already completed his NTC health lessons with us. His end goal is an HSED.

Next, we get a youthful visitor who has been a part of our center for quite a while. Chris has been coming every Thursday and Friday for many months. He is a 20-year-old man, who lives in a group home and uses our center for basic adult education. His favorite subject to work on is math. Today he has news! He is relocating to another city here in Wisconsin due to a job transfer and he has a new apartment lined up. Chris says that he will miss coming to our learning center, but is excited for this new chapter. We have seen him grow up before our eyes!

Midday, a gentleman arrives needing help writ-

ing a letter to his girlfriend, who is in the Detroit Lakes Jail. Our volunteer Judy works with him to complete the letter and sends him off with a stamped envelope that he wants to walk over to the post office for safe delivery. Judy is then off to North Central Health Care: Community Clubhouse on North 3rd here in Wausau, where she assists with reading, math, and computers. We love to partner with area centers to spread our love of literacy.

Our day continues as Sandra wanders in to the Marathon County Literacy Council on a whim. She had been released from jail and had walked past our center a couple times and was curious about what we did. I gave her a tour and explained that we offered free tutoring and free computer use for community learners. She then asked if I would be able to help her research a few things. She wanted to find a safe place to stay as she was a domestic violence survivor. We printed out the contact information for the Women’s Community and the Salvation Army. Sandra said that she would feel safer at a shelter around other people. She also wanted to learn about getting her driver’s license renewed at the DMV. We looked together at the DMV website. After that, we moved on to court records.

Sandra stayed most of the afternoon listing off a series of to-do tasks for her new beginnings and together we plotted out a plan of action. We get her a folder, a notebook, a pen, and even a pair of readers from our lost and found. She says she feels 100 percent better, and is so glad that she has found such a wonderful resource hub in McLit. Her desire to create a better world for her 8-year-old daughter gives her the motivation to focus ahead on a better future. Her last stop while visiting us today was to browse our free book shelves (donated by community members like YOU), where she finds an inspirational quote book and a novel which she says will help her to relax.

Whether we are working with a long-term student like Matt, a visitor like Carlos, or even a one-time guest like Sandra, the Marathon County Literacy Council is happy to be a beacon for those in need. Some search for a quiet space to study, some need a helping hand with computer literacy, reading or writing, and others use us as a resource stop. We are many things to many different people, and each day we encounter a different learner with a different story. Each member of our community is valuable and we enjoy building up confidence and skill sets to make life journeys a little lighter.



## Feature Profile: Sharée Anderson

### *Meet the newest addition to the McLit Team*



■ **What drew you to McLit as an organization to work for?**

I love working with people and McLit seemed like a people oriented place.

■ **How long have you been with McLit?**

I've been with McLit for about a month now.

■ **What are your main roles and responsibilities?**

I tutor and I do some of the office work also.

■ **What unique talents/insights do you bring?**

I am good with people so there's that. I also love reading and sharing that love of reading with others. I really enjoy introducing people to new books!

■ **What are some of your favorite memories with McLit thus far?**

I think my favorite memory was explaining to a coworker that I speak some Polish but I'll never meet any Polish people in Wausau, then the very next day a Polish woman walked into the center for help. I also just really enjoy working with the students and with some of the outreach programs we do.

■ **What do you enjoy doing in your free time?**

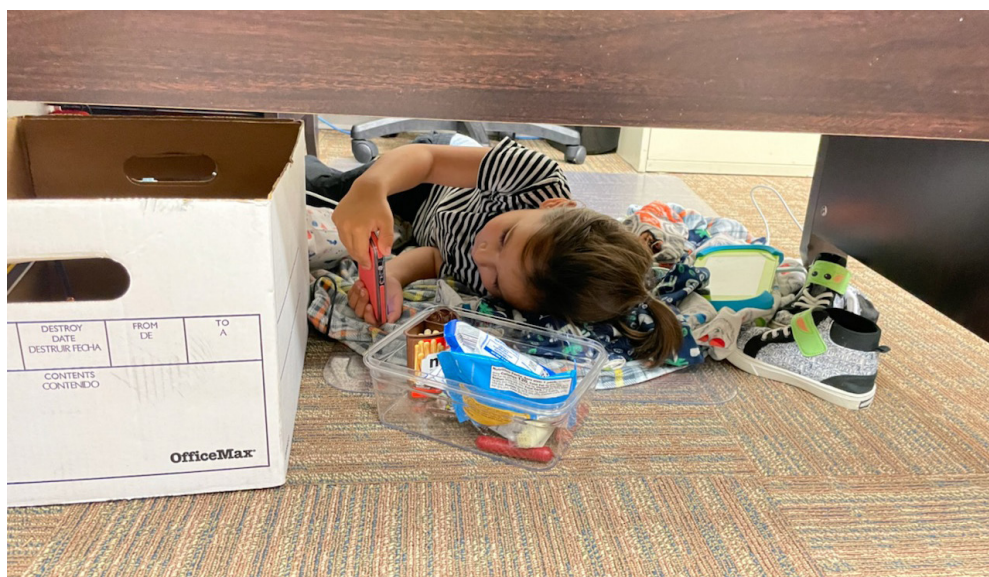
Honestly I love to read. I also enjoy visiting museums and watching documentaries. Basically I'm boring, but I own it. lol

■ **What do you like to read?**

I read a little bit of everything. I love novels. I also enjoy Sci-fi, Fantasy, and History.

~SA

Lincoln is one of our youngest learners here at McLit. Pictured right, he is working hard..... or hardly working? We'll let you decide.





# McLit in Pictures: August-September 2021



ABOVE: McLit at the Wisconsin Valley Fair in August.



ABOVE: McLit at the Children's Festival in August.

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