

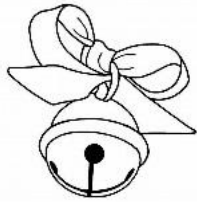


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LV-MARQUETTE COUNTY, INC. NEWSLETTER



Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County's Tots to Teens Book Drive

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County's annual Tots to Teens Book Drive, which began earlier, ends November 22nd. The book giveaway will be held in conjunction with the Giving Tree program on Saturday morning, December 10th, at Trinity Methodist Church in Montello.

There is high demand for graphic novels for middle school students. Donations of these would be much appreciated.

Please drop off new or gently used books in the boxes provided at the following sites: Marquette County libraries in Endeavor, Montello, Oxford, Packwaukee, and Westfield. In addition, the following schools will also have boxes: Montello High School and Forest Lane elementary, Westfield Elementary, and St. John's Lutheran School in Montello.

Thank you to all who donate!

LV-Marquette County Officers and Board Members

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Chuck Bornhoeft's Health Literacy Presentations

Chuck Bornhoeft, who is also LV-MC's Treasurer, does health literacy presentations for WI Literacy. He attended a 2-day WI Health Literacy Summit in April.

After being shut down during Covid, he is once again holding sessions with seniors on varying health topics including the latest information on pain treatments. He recently met with seniors at the Endeavor meal site with 22 in attendance. Upcoming sessions will occur at the Dome in Montello, at Oxford on December 1st, and future meetings in Packwaukee and Neshkoro.

This newsletter is a publication of Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County (LV-MC), a non-profit organization that provides free and confidential tutoring to adults and families who want to improve their reading, writing, math, and other skills. Volunteer tutors provide individualized instruction.



Chuck leading a health informational session at the Montello Public Park in July for senior citizens.



Buffalo Lake Camping Resort donates to Literacy Volunteers

Gary Doudna, campground owner, presented a check in the amount of \$750 to LV-MC President Vicki Huffman. The money resulted from a fundraiser plus a contribution from the campground itself.

Program Committee Report

Barbara Church

Presently there are 4 ESL students being tutored. Vicki Huffman and Rhonda Lechner are working with 2 of them, and Norma Schmidt, the high school Spanish teacher, is working with 2 others.



WI Bookworm Pat and Vicki have completed and turned in activity packs for October, November, and December. January will be finished shortly. This year, 7 books are being given to 55 kids, along with their accompanying activities, materials, and parent letters.

Other Book Programs: Deb Lehr is delivering books to the food pantry. She and Vicki set up the old WIC cart with several boxes of 2nd tier kids' books. Teale Loring is delivering book replacements to the laundromat book baskets. The Casita de Libros at UMOS is closed for the season.

LV-MC County Libraries Mini Grants

Once again Literacy Volunteers-Marquette offered mini grants to all the county libraries at a maximum of \$300 for special projects. Each interested library submitted an application.

Grants in the amount of \$300 were given to Endeavor, Packwaukee, Oxford, and Montello. Westfield received \$282. These libraries are an important partner in literacy!



August 8th Annual Literacy Volunteers and Supporters Appreciation Dinner at Oyster Cracker in Montello

**LITERACY VOLUNTEERS-MARQUETTE COUNTY
ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

Call to order by Vicki Huffman-President, at 7:08 p.m. at the Montello Public Library.

Attendance- Chuck Bornhoeft, Anne Oelke, Vicki Huffman, LuAnn Zieman, Pat Johnson, Barbara Church, Mary Faltz, Hope Kendall

Minutes of September 9, 2021 annual meeting were read. The date that the May newsletters were mailed was corrected to read 2021. Motion by Barb, seconded by Pat to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck presented reports for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Checking balance is \$1,205.22; CD balance is \$3,154.18.

Public Relations:

1. Newsletters – November 2021, 39 PDFs emailed and 9 mailed USPS. 25 paper copies in the LV-MC tutoring area at Montello Public Library. No Spring 2022 newsletter.

2. Ads/Articles – Tribune ads and articles since the last annual meeting: November 2021 – Tots to Teens Giveaway information printed weekly; December 9 – Tots to Teens Book Giveaway Report with picture; January 20, 2022 – Announcement that LV-MC would not be hosting its annual event in February; May 28 – Picture of Touch-a-Truck, which LV-MC participated in; July – 3 articles regarding the Health Literacy presentation done by Chuck for the senior citizen picnic; September 1 & 8 – Articles announcing International Literacy Day as well as information on LV-MC and invitation to the annual meeting. September 15 – Article is scheduled that talks about positive results for those who continue their interrupted education as an adult.

3. Website – We have updated our newsletters and other entries posted by Anne Oelke, on www.mcreads.org. Unfortunately, Anne is currently unable to get access into the website. Our next newsletter is scheduled for November.

4. International Literacy Day/Month 2022 – No special activity was planned.

5. A reminder that the new trifold is available in the LV-MC tutoring/office area at the Montello Public Library.

Tutor Training- Two tutors waiting for students: Charles Church and Rhonda Lechner. Donna Kuehn has also expressed interest but was not immediately available for training.

Materials – Nothing to report.

Board Development and Nominating: The slate includes President-Vicki Huffman, VP-LuAnn Zieman; Secretary-Mary Faltz; Treasurer-Chuck Bornhoeft, all 1-year terms.

Program Committee:

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette Co. opened up this past year. Board meetings were in person once again. We gained new board member Teale Loring and new volunteer Deb Lehr. Volunteer packets have recently been posted to 3 people, one of whom is available for tutor training.

Twenty-four volunteers reported a total of 477.75 hours. Including 49.75 tutoring hours. Vicki has 2 ESL students, while new tutor Norma Schmidt is tutoring 2 ESL students.

LuAnn was our only volunteer able to work in the schools this past year, and that was a St. John's in grades 6-8. Kathleen McGwin was able to give copies of *Ready, Set, Wiggle* to all 3rd graders; and copies of *Betty, Blanche and Beulah* to one class of 3rd graders. She hopes to continue adventures with

3rd graders this school year. Her Read Dog program is still on hold. In coordination with the summer library reading program, Kathleen held a tortoise event, and will conduct a Full Moon Saunter in September featuring Walk When the Moon is Full. All Marquette County libraries applied for and received \$300 grants this past summer.

Many of Chuck Bornhoeft's Health Literacy informational sessions and meetings were cancelled during the first part of the last fiscal year 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022, but opened up again this spring. Chuck has also completed certification to work with prisoners in the new Jail Literacy program. Kathleen McGwin prepared a new literacy brochure to be used at the jail.

Volunteers once again gave their time to gather and organize books for the Tots to Teens Book Giveaway in December. Books and/or gift certificates to Readers Realm were delivered to 250 children in conjunction with the community Giving Tree program, run by Niki Russos and Paula Chambers. Thanks to Vicki, Anne Oelke, Rita Socha, Chuck, and Teale Loring for delivering and picking up book boxes, sorting, and organizing the bags of books. In addition, 2 boxes of YA books were delivered to Tri-County Area Girls and Boys Clubs in Berlin.

Parents are now conducting readings and activities for Story Hour at Montello Public Library. Deb Lehr is also available to help with this program. Andrea Klapper and Kathleen McGwin set up the Book Trail in May to continue through September. Volunteers Pat Johnson, Vicki Huffman, Peggy Fullmer, and Deb Lehr prepared activity packs for the Wisconsin Bookworm project at Head Start serving 55 children over 7 months of the school year.

LVMC continues to provide books for the "First Time Moms" program coordinated with the County Health Dept.; to stock and maintain bookshelves at the Food Pantry (Deb), Marquette Co. laundromats (Deb and Teale), and Casita de Libros at UMOS (Teale); and to continue to develop their knowledge by attending WI Literacy conferences, virtually. Because of their dedication, hundreds of children and families in Marquette County have received help with reading and other literacy concerns.

Old Business:

Vicki made a plea to LVMC to find new people to come on board as officers & volunteers.

New Business:

1. Election: Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Anne, to cast a unanimous ballot for the same officers: Vicki Huffman, President; LuAnn Zieman, Vice-President; Mary Faltz, Secretary; Chuck Bornhoeft, Treasurer. Motion carried.

2. Budget: The 2022-2023 budget shows projected expenses of \$4,105 and income of \$4,240. Motion carried to approve it.

3. WI Literacy Update: Beth Gaytan wants to attend our November meeting. Vicki will email the link to the State Literacy Conference once she gets it.

4. Tots to Teens / Giving Tree Day: Event is December 10th, with preparation Dec. 7-10. It will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Montello again. Book collection boxes will be ready by Halloween.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 10th, at 9:30 a.m. at the Montello Public Library

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Minutes submitted by
Mary Faltz, Secretary**

Thanks to Our Supporters!

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County could not exist without its financial backers.

Individuals, businesses, and organizations that have supported our efforts at promoting literacy in our community during the past are greatly appreciated. EVERYONE listed is a continuing donor. We are working on a winter fundraiser and will advertise it when finalized.

In-Kind Donations Last 17 Months

Wisconsin Literacy, Inc.
Winnefox Library System
Montello Public Library
Endeavor Public Library
Ethel Everhard Memorial Library
Neshkoro Public Library
Oxford Public Library
Packwaukee Public Library
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Buffalo Lake Campground

Contributors of \$500-949

Anonymous

Contributors of \$250-499

Melinda Johnson Roidt

Contributors of \$150-249

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LuAnn Zieman

Contributors of \$100-149

Kathleen Ludden

LV-MC wishes to acknowledge especially the support received during the year from Wisconsin Literacy, Inc., our state organization for promoting literacy. Thanks also goes to our regional consultant, Beth Gaytan, for her assistance.

BECOME A LITERACY VOLUNTEERS- MARQUETTE COUNTY MEMBER!

We invite you to become a member and supporter of literacy in Marquette County. One person can make a difference in influencing positive changes. We've accomplished a great deal, but there is so much more to be done. Your services as a volunteer or a financial supporter are critical to our success!

Fill out the form below, including a check for \$15 written out to **Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County** (if you wish to be a member), and mail to **Treasurer-LV-MC, P.O. Box 671, Montello, WI 53949.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ZIP CODE _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

- I wish to be an active volunteer/member and have enclosed the \$15 fee.
- I wish to be an active volunteer, but not a dues-paying member.
- I would like more information on becoming a volunteer.
- I do not wish to be a member, but would like to contribute to literacy.

Tots to Teens Book Drive

The collection boxes have been set out for this year's book drive. You may drop books at several locations: Marquette County libraries, Montello High School and Forest Lane elementary, Westfield Elementary and St. John's School in Montello. Boxes will be collected November 22nd.

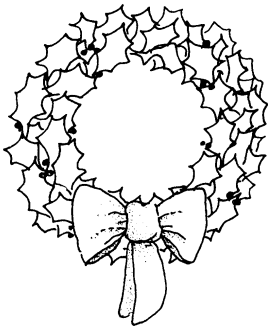
Sorting of books will be done by LV-MC individuals before they are delivered to the Montello Methodist Church for the Dec. 10th Giving Tree distribution!

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LV-MC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County, Inc. is to improve the quality of life by promoting increased literacy and lifelong learning in Marquette County, Wisconsin. We encourage and aid individuals through public awareness and through volunteer teaching of literacy skills as well as English for non-native speakers.

***Check us out at
www.mcreads.org!***

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