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# LV-MARQUETTE COUNTY, INC. NEWSLETTER

## Annual Tots to Teens Book Drive Begins

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County announces the annual Tots to Teens Book Drive, which begins now and ends the first week of December. The book giveaway will be held in conjunction with the Giving Tree on Saturday morning, December 9, at Trinity Methodist Church in Montello.

All children's books, new or gently used, are welcome, especially board books. Tween books are also popular, as well as series like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Drop boxes can be found at the Marquette County libraries in Endeavor, Montello, Neshkoro, Oxford, Packwaukee and Westfield. In addition, the following schools will also have boxes: Endeavor, Montello High School and Elementary, Westfield High School and Elementary, and St. John's Lutheran School in Montello. Reader's Realm and Nelson & Pade Aquaponics, both in Montello, are providing boxes as well. Please bring your donations to any of these boxes by Monday, December 4th, so they can be transported for sorting before the event.

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LuAnn Zieman 608-297-2422

## Program Committee Report

Barbara Church, Chair

**Tutoring**--Pat Johnson is tutoring at Forest Lane in Montello. LuAnn Zieman tutors 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders at St. John's in Montello. **Read Dog**--Kathleen McGwin and canine Beulah are conducting Read Dog sessions with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Forest Lane and Sean Bergeman runs a Read Dog program at Westfield Schools.

**Library Story Time** continues on Wednesdays with Anne Oelke through December. Any volunteers for January?

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.

**WI Bookworm®**--Pat Johnson and Vicki Huffman and their team of Sharon Samuelson, Pam Iruk and Sean Bergeman have prepared 4 activity packs for books provided to Headstart in coordination with WI Bookworm. There are 3 remaining books to create activity packs for.

**Women, Infant Children (WIC), Montello Food Pantry, County Doctor and Dentists offices, and Hope House** are all recipients of books from LV-MC. We continue to replenish the WIC carts at the sites in Montello and Westfield.

**Health Literacy**—Chuck Bornhoeft has conducted 4 health literacy sessions for WI Literacy's Health Initiative so far this fall, and has 3 more scheduled before the end of the year. He travels central and northeastern Wisconsin.

**Plans for a Story Trail**—Kathleen McGwin with the Friends of the Montello Public Library is planning a story trail to begin next summer. The Lions will be working on kiosks for the trail which will run along the Dredge Bank Road beginning at the Montello Public Library. One can read a story by stopping at each kiosk for story pages. Books will be changed monthly spring and summer. This encourages reading and exercise.

**Laundromat Book Baskets--** Anyone visiting laundromats throughout the county will notice book baskets have been placed at the Neshkoro, Westfield, Oxford, and Montello laundries.

Literacy Volunteers-Marquette County has added this new program in its continuing promotion of literacy and lifelong learning in Marquette County.

Books for a variety of ages fill the baskets. They are there to be read, and, if desired, taken home.

Volunteers will replenish the baskets regularly as a part of our service to our communities and to encourage reading for everyone.



### **Literacy Volunteers and Friends Appreciation Dinner**

The annual Literacy Volunteers and Friends Appreciation dinner was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Montello Senior Dome at 6 p.m. with 24 in attendance. Once again Peppercorn Catering produced a delicious dinner.

It was an enjoyable evening of food and conversation with supporters of literacy in Marquette County.

We thank each and every one of our friends of literacy.

**LITERACY VOLUNTEERS-MARQUETTE COUNTY  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

Call to order by Vicki Huffman-President, at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance- Vicki Huffman, Sharon Samuelson, Niki Russos Harris, Trudy Knutson, Mary Faltz, Pat Johnson, LuAnn Ziemann, Barbara Church, Mary Beth McKibbin

**Minutes** of September 8, 2016 annual meeting were read. Motion by Barbara, seconded by LuAnn to approve. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Checking Balance: \$6,029.94; CD Balance: \$3,134.00. The Income/Expense Report included totals from 2015-16 and 2016-17. We had very similar expenses both years, but less memorial money in 2016-17.

**Public Relations:**

1. Newsletters – November 2016 we emailed 43 and mailed 11; 60 paper copies sent out to county libraries. May 2017 we emailed 41 and mailed 11 copies. These included PDFs sent to the Tribune for printing copies and to Anne Oelke for posting on our website.

2. Ads/Articles – Sept. 2016: 2 articles on Literacy Lifts Us poster contest; Oct. 2016: WI Bookworms article and picture (Vicki represented LV-MC); Nov. 2016: Winners of International Literacy Day/Month contest announced with pictures of 3 winning entries and 1 Tots to Teens Book Drive article; Dec. 2016: 1 Book Drive article; Jan. 2017: 2 articles/photos on the upcoming Literacy Hors d'oeuvre Fundraiser; April 2017: 1 article on Family Adventure Day, which LV-MC co-sponsored; Aug. 2017: 1 article on LV-MC's Laundromat book baskets and 1 article on literacy volunteer opportunities & upcoming annual meeting; Sept. 2017: Volunteer tutor opportunity article and annual meeting announcement.

3. Website – We have updated our newsletter and other entries posted by Anne Oelke, on [www.mcreads.org](http://www.mcreads.org).

4. International Literacy Day/Month 2017 - LV-MC is celebrating International Literacy Day with Montello Library's Community Read event, bringing literature and Vicki's short presentation on our programs.

5. Other – Copies of the winning 2016 poster contest were sent to the county libraries. We have several other copies that can be used for publicity and posting wherever we think it would be effective. A new tri-fold was created and printed. It is available in the LV-MC tutoring/office area at the Montello Public Library.

**Tutor Training-** No tutor trainings.

**Materials –** No new materials ordered.

**Audit-** Audit needs to be done. Vicki receives the bank statements, opens and inspects them, and turns them over to Chuck for reconciliation. She will see if Chuck will change some things and then possibly Jack Samuelson will go over everything.

**Board Development and Nominating:** See election under New Business.

**Resource Committee:** With Niki Russos Harris as chair for the Mekan event, we had our second best ever in terms of funds raised. Kudos to Niki, who will also chair the 2/1/2018 event! Net proceeds were \$3,011.50. (2015 was \$3,147, but the next best year was \$2,729.50).

**Program Committee:** Fiscal year tutoring and volunteer report.

Fifteen volunteers, including one active tutor, reported a total of 901.01 hours. This includes 21.25 direct tutoring hours, 23.25 direct Health Literacy training hours, plus 26.5 hours needed for travel and lesson preparation for the tutor and Health Literacy trainer from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

At this time we have no adult students.

Mindy Johnson-Roidt continues as tutor coordinator at Forest Lane, with 3 tutors working with small groups at Forest Lane, and one working at St. John's.

We held the Tots to Teens Book Giveaway in December; read to children during Family Adventure Day in April and Story Hour in Montello; prepared activity packs for the WI Bookworm project at Head Start; organized our annual fundraiser in February; provided books for first time moms program with the County Health Dept.; continued to develop knowledge by attending WI Literacy conferences. Because of their dedication, hundreds of children in Marquette County have received help with reading.

**Library Story Time:** Story Time at the Montello Public Library switched to Wednesday mornings at 10:30 in August 2016 due to a change in class times for the 4K program in Montello. Miss Judy, Grandma Library, with parent volunteers assisted during the winter months. Story Time continued for a few more weeks this past summer with help from parent volunteers.

**WIC Montello:** We continue to refresh the books at both the Montello and Westfield book racks, using many of the books left over from the Tots to Teens Book Giveaway.

Children's books are provided to our county doctor and dentist offices. Sharon Samuelson, also working with the Food Pantry, has provided more of the collected books to that center and to Hope House in Baraboo. Sharon spurred us on to setting up book baskets at Laundromats and providing Spanish language books for UMOS families through La Casita de Libros program. Several of our members have each adopted a Laundromat to keep books stocked. There was discussion about whether to put a note on the baskets so kids know they can take a book home.

**WI Bookworm:** HCE provided 55 book sets this past year for Head Start students, and will do the same again this year, but for 7 months instead of 8. Vicki, Pat and many other volunteers gave their time preparing activities for each month.

**Family Adventure Day:** April 22 marked this event in which many county and local organizations, including LVMC, teams up to organize. We gave away over 100 books. Sharon Samuelson and Pat Johnson read to kids, and again took leftover books to the Food Pantry.

**Tots to Teens Book Giveaway:** Once again, thousands of books were collected and labeled for this year's annual Tots to Teens Book Giveaway, held at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Several volunteers returned the next day to help parents with their selections. Volunteers liked the way parents moved through this more focused space, giving them more chances to chat.

**Old Business:**

International Literacy Day/Month was reviewed.

Tots to Teens Book Giveaway needs a new chairperson for the 2017 event. Anne, Sharon, and several others offered help.

At this time, we did not know if there would be a countywide giving tree event for 2017, with the loss of Sylvia from the County Human Services Department. (At a later date, Niki Russos Harris stepped up to coordinate the event.) This is the event with which the book giveaway is coordinated.

**New Business:**

**Election:** Motion by Barbara, seconded by LuAnn to accept the slate as presented: Vicki Huffman, President; Chuck Bornhoeft, Treasurer; LuAnn Zieman, Vice-President; Mary Faltz, Secretary; Anne Oelke, board member with term expiring 2020

There is still a vacancy for a board member, term expiring in 2019.

**Budget:** The working budget shows income of \$4,700 and expenses of \$5,465. Motion by LuAnn, seconded by Barbara to approve the 2017-18 budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, November 9th at Café Hilltop.

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

**Minutes submitted by  
Mary Faltz, Secretary**

**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.

## UPCOMING EVENT

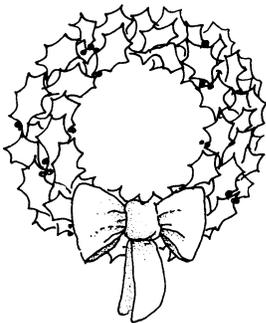
**Tots to Teens Book Drive**  
**Volunteers to help sort books**  
**be at the Montello Methodist**  
**Church at 9 a.m., Fri. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>!**

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Hors d-oeuvre**  
**Buffet** at Mekan River  
Outfitters—February 1<sup>st</sup> 5-8 p.m.  
More information upcoming in  
the *Tribune*.

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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](http://www.mcreads.org)!**

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