

Literacy of Northern NY Newsletter, April 2017



Live, Love, Learn, Literacy Auction

We are working hard on our upcoming auction fundraiser, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday June 3 at Trinity Episcopal Church. We will be auctioning off educational opportunities as well as items donated by local businesses. Special thanks to our sponsors – Dr. Kellie Sanzone, D.D.S, Northern Credit Union, and Hrabchak & Gebo law firm.

Success Story ~ Candy from Jefferson County

Candy from Jefferson County proudly displays her certificate for completing the six books in Breakthrough to Math, Level 2. She has worked her way through fractions, decimals, percents and word problems. Candy has been studying math and reading skills for one and a half years at LNNY. Her reading skills have also improved. She always completes her homework and is also working on an online program called PrepPath, which contains lessons and assignments designed to help students prepare for the high school equivalency test.



Candy proudly displays her certificate.

Upcoming Tutor Training

If you know anyone who might enjoy tutoring, could you pass on our information? LNNY has a waiting list of students who need help in math and reading. Our next 12-hour tutor training will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the following days: Monday April 24, Thursday April 27, Monday May 1, and Thursday May 4. All the trainings will be held in the third floor conference room of Key Bank, 200 Washington Street, Watertown. Participants will learn about phonics, reading comprehension, vocabulary development, and fluency. Those who successfully complete the class will be matched with one adult who needs help with basic literacy skills. We test all students who enter our program and provide the books

and materials used for tutoring. People interested in attending the reading training should call our office to pre-register, 315-782-4270.



Students Learn About Maple Syrup

Diane Peebles, who works at the Fort Drum Relocation office at Army Community Services, gave a presentation about maple syrup to the ESL classes at Fort Drum on March 21. She brought in samples of different kinds of maple syrup, maple sap buckets, and other props. Diane is a great presenter and even the beginner ESL students could understand what she said.



Diane Peebles talks about maple syrup production at the Fort Drum ESL class.

Tips for Tutors

Deborah attended a technology workshop recently that was sponsored by the Central Southern Tier RAEN (Regional Adult Education Network). The workshop

facilitator, Marvin Superville works in the Adult Education department in NY City. Our staff members have attended several of his workshops and always learn useful information to help our program in the areas of technology and teaching. At this last technology meeting, we received a new list of links, which Deborah will put on our web page, www.literacynny.org. The links are great websites to use when working with your Reading, Math or ELL student.

Students sometimes ask for extra work to do at home, therefore, the following web sites provide another resource for English language instruction.

The first featured site is <http://chompchomp.com>. This site has many resources for grammar points, including PowerPoint presentations, links to You Tube videos, handouts, and quizzes. The site even has a massive online open course.

And another great web site:

Here is a screenshot from <http://www.grammar-express.com>:



Grammar-express is a visually appealing site that helps with grammar. The icons are apps and each one covers a particular topic. It has a multiple choice quiz system for English, which provides over 1,800 questions across 20 grammar categories. The site has other grammar/topics in addition to the icons that you see in the screen shot. The apps are available for Phone, iPad, Android, Blackberry or Windows. Unfortunately, there is a small fee for each app.