



Literacy DuPage  
Literally Changing Lives

# NEWS

Summer 2009

## Calendar

**June 18**

LDP Board of Directors Meeting  
LDP Office 7:00 PM

**July 21**

Tutor Training Workshop Begins  
Wheaton Public Library  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**August 10**

Tutor Training Workshop Begins  
Westmont Public Library  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**August 20**

LDP Board of Directors Meeting  
LDP Office 7:00 PM

**September 14**

Tutor Training Workshop Begins  
Addison Public Library  
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**September TBA**

In-service Workshop

**October 17**

Annual Recognition Luncheon  
12:00 Noon  
*Save the date!*

Newsletter design by Susan Craighead.

***Working to recruit more volunteers!***

## Introducing Our New Logo, Tagline, Partner Name, and Branding Identity

Many of you are aware that we have a partnership with three other literacy organizations: Literacy Connection (Elgin), Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley and Literacy Volunteers of Western Cook County. Through grants received from **Grand Victoria Foundation** and the **Taproot Foundation**, we have been working for the past three years to create a new identity and marketing plan for recruitment of more volunteer tutors.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new name for the partnership: **Literacy For Adults Partnership**. We are also in the process of creating a new shared website: [www.literacyforadults.org](http://www.literacyforadults.org) for region-wide marketing and advertising.

Each partner will be using the same logo, tagline and brand identity, but will maintain individual identities through a unique color scheme and will keep current individual names and websites.

### **Our new logo and tagline**



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This updated logo and tagline depicts our vision and mission of building a partnership between our volunteer tutors and adult learners to help change the lives of those involved in our program. We know that not only are the learners and their families' lives impacted, but all of our volunteers receive great benefit and reward as they build relationships and see first-hand how lives are literally being changed.

### **BE ON THE LOOKOUT!**

Newsletter and monthly student stories coming to you soon by email!

Helps us cut costs – send your updated email to [info@literacydupage.org](mailto:info@literacydupage.org)

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*“Now I feel that I can apply for a job or other activity with more people.” Adriana, Mexico*

# Literally Changing Lives by Working Together

## Partnerships That Give Back to Their Communities

Check out our website at [www.literacydupage.org](http://www.literacydupage.org) for the latest on our **Letters for Literacy** partners. There you can find out who is partnering with us and more about their businesses. Please consider patronizing their establishments and using their services, as they have been so generous to us by participating in this program.

For the 2nd year in a row, Beaird Group and DuPage Ophthalmology have purchased letters, thank you Beaird Group and DuPage Ophthalmology who purchased two letters this year:

### Beaird Group

Beaird Group provides clients with the flexibility to complete projects without adding permanent head count. As a professional staffing and consulting company, Beaird Group managers have years of experience in finance, human resources and sales & marketing. Bringing both maturity and flexibility, clients realize an extremely cost effective solution to many business challenges. [www.beairdgroup.com](http://www.beairdgroup.com)

### DuPage Ophthalmology

For over 30 years, we have been taking care of eye problems. From routine eye checkups to advanced surgery, our goal is to provide you with the best possible care. Our offices accept all patients, from infants to seniors. It is an exciting time in ophthalmology and we want you to experience medical care the way it should be. Same day appointments can be arranged. Locations in Lombard, Darien and Elmhurst.

[www.dupage2020.com](http://www.dupage2020.com)

## Partnerships That Make a Difference

Helping the most vulnerable populations throughout DuPage County by collaborating with other agencies!

### DuPage PADS

Through a grant provided by DuPage County Human Services, Literacy DuPage is providing one-to-one tutoring for the homeless clientele of PADS. After a year-long study, the staff at PADS determined that their clients were unable to obtain and keep jobs because they lacked sufficient basic literacy skills. The goal for this partnership will be to help the PADS' clients improve their employability and life skills.

### Hinsdale Community Service

Literacy DuPage is providing one-to-one tutoring for the HCS clients who need to learn to read, write, speak and understand English. The goal for this partnership will be to help these individuals become more independent and self-sufficient.

# A Big Thank You to . . .

## United Way of the DuPage Area:



United Way of the DuPage Area continues to be a strategic partner for Literacy DuPage. After a thorough review of our agency's program, we have been awarded a three-year grant of \$41,250 each year to help improve the financial stability of our adult learners and their families.

## DuPage County Human Services Grant:

The DuPage County Board approved a one year grant of \$20,000 for our one-to-one literacy program. We are appreciative that they recognize the great need for literacy services throughout DuPage County. We know that these investments will help literally change lives!

## Another challenge from Ron McDaniel:

Can you help us raise \$20,000 in new or increased gifts for the fourth year in a row? Ron McDaniel believes that you can! Please keep us in mind as you plan your giving for 2009.



**"When my daughter broke her arm we went to the emergency room. It was very important to understand the nurses and doctors." Maryte, Lithuania**

## Office News

### We Welcome the Following Part-time Staff

#### Barbara Intihar – Resource Manager

Barbara is a long-time Wheaton resident and very active in the community that includes serving on the Community Unit District #200 school board. Her background brings a wealth of fundraising and volunteer experience that will help us increase all of our resources.

#### Aarthi Ramalingam – Office Assistant

Aarthi is a resident of Naperville and provides assistance in the office with various duties. Aarthi and her husband have two children who attend the Montessori School in our building so she first started as a volunteer in our office. When Eileen Hall, our prior office assistant, moved to the program assistant position Aarthi agreed to the part-time office assistant position.

#### Donna Varland – Program Associate

Donna is a long-time Wheaton resident and a retired Spanish teacher. Donna comes in a couple of hours each week to help make follow-up calls to the qualified adult learners on the waiting list.

**Literacy DuPage is honored to receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, International's Beta Kappa Chapter for our outstanding support of literacy. Thank you to the Key Women Educators of Beta Kappa chapter.**

**Board of Directors:** President **Rick Lochner**, RPC Leadership Assoc.; Vice President **Susan Craighead**, H.E.R.E.I.U. Funds; Treasurer **Joseph Sarnicki**, National City Vendor Finance; Secretary **Jean Demas**, Lisle Library District; **Zhijiang (John) Li**, Baker & McKenzie; **Roberta Ostis**; **Kas Seerla**, Highway Technologies; **Lynn Weissburg**, R. R. Donnelley; **Elisa Carter**, Vistage; **Jeff Smith**, Thirdstreet, LLC; **Anna Cramer**, Standard Bank

**Staff:** Executive Director **Tana Tatnall**; Program Manager **Lisa Thackeray**; Student Intake Coordinator **Marcella Santos**; Community Outreach Coordinator **Lynn Robertson**; Program Assistant **Eileen Hall**; Program Associate **Donna Varland**; Office Assistant **Aarthi Ramalingam**; Resource Manager **Barbara Intihar**; Tutor Trainers **Michelle Balee**, **Kathy Conrad**, **Barrie Mason**, **Lisa Thackeray**; Office Volunteers **Aarthi Ramalingam**, **Lisa Lam**, **RoseMary Persiani**, **Lori Connor**, **Pat Steck**, **Nancy Wood**; English Conversation Group Leaders **Kathy Conrad**, **Jane Cox**, **Mary Ellen Mertz**, **Jean Milz**, **Mark Munoz**, **Cindy Schwarz**, **Allison Gush**, **Gretchen Wasniewski**.

## New Board Members

# Who's on Board?

**Jeff Smith** joined the Literacy of DuPage Board in 2009. He is currently a member of the Funding and Finance committees. Mr. Smith is a partner at Thirdstreet, LLC. Thirdstreet, an executive recruiting firm specializes in commercial real estate finance, IT, and sales. Mr. Smith is a graduate of DePaul University and a CCIM candidate.

**Anna Cramer** joined the board as a representative of our partner, Standard Bank. Her interest in LDP arises from her own upbringing and her understanding of the difficulties when you don't speak the language. She's married with two small children.



## Tutoring Tips

# Summer With Your Student and Family

Many tutors will find that their students' children will be around when they are having lessons during the summer. These are some suggestions for activities to do with your student and his or her children.

- ✓ Visit the local library and find out about summer programs for the family.
- ✓ Visit the DuPage Children's Museum. Contact the LDP office for free family passes.
- ✓ Choose a recipe to read and bake with your student and children.
- ✓ Play appropriate board games with your student and children. Find board games at yard sales or in your basement!
- ✓ Create a family scrap book of photos, drawings and some family stories or experiences.
- ✓ Look at family photos together.
- ✓ Involve the family in planning a picnic at the local park.

*"Now I can make doctor's appointments by myself and go to kid's meetings." Monica, Mexico*

## Welcome New Tutors!

### Lombard Training:

<b>Mary Armario</b>	Hinsdale
<b>Daniel B. Cosgrove</b>	Lombard
<b>Wesley Cummins</b>	Downers Grove
<b>Sandy Duffy</b>	Lombard
<b>Kathy Friedman</b>	Medinah
<b>Carole Grieshaber</b>	Wood Dale
<b>Nicole Harbauer</b>	Oak Park
<b>Herb Hopkins</b>	Glen Ellyn
<b>Nancy Hopkins</b>	Glen Ellyn
<b>Mele Howland</b>	Downers Grove
<b>Jennifer Hull</b>	Villa Park
<b>Michelle Kittrell</b>	Warrenville
<b>Marilee Kurdas</b>	Elmhurst
<b>Darene Pscheidell Kwarta</b>	Naperville
<b>Carole Lyng</b>	Wood Dale

<b>Linda Marsik</b>	Lombard
<b>Kelly M. May</b>	Naperville
<b>Tracy May</b>	Lombard
<b>Rosa Moist</b>	Lombard
<b>Brooke Pudar</b>	Wheaton
<b>Deon N. Robin</b>	Downers Grove
<b>Sandy Sarno</b>	Wheaton
<b>Brian Sittinger</b>	Lombard
<b>Elyse Taylor</b>	Lombard

### West Chicago Training:

<b>Gaby Arabia</b>	Naperville
<b>Josiane Dmytriuk</b>	West Chicago
<b>Keith Ellis</b>	Glen Ellyn
<b>Dave Estler</b>	Wheaton
<b>Pat Houle</b>	West Chicago

<b>Kathryn Kirk</b>	Naperville
<b>Kevin LaFollette</b>	Carol Stream
<b>Patricia LaFollette</b>	Carol Stream
<b>Nan Olson</b>	Wheaton
<b>Kathleen Vece</b>	Naperville

### Indian Prairie Training:

<b>Liz Adamo</b>	Darien
<b>Ella Budynsky</b>	Elmhurst
<b>Annette Dasko</b>	Westmont
<b>Esther Hicks</b>	Willowbrook
<b>Chris Koprowski</b>	Darien
<b>Jan Leahy</b>	Darien
<b>Janet Mileham-Gomez</b>	Darien
<b>Lee Thomas</b>	Willowbrook
<b>Betty Vande Merkt</b>	Burr Ridge



Lombard Tutor  
Graduation

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### Quarterly Quote

“The highest reward for a person's work is not what they get for it, but what they become because of it.” *John Ruskin*