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Recognition Banquet a Huge Success!

This past May we had our first recognition at Grand Arbor. Everything was amazing. We have received many positive responses from learners, volunteers and staff, mostly about the atmosphere and the food – it was so good. Let's take the positive energy from that event and make this year a great one.



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coordinator's CORNER

by **Rollie Finke**

I hope that everyone had a good summer and wish everyone a great new year at school. During the summer we have had a few changes at Adult Basic Education and the Literacy Project.

As many of you know, Maureen and Sylvia moved on to new chapters in their lives. We wish them both happiness in their new roles in life. Also, congratulations to one of our learners, who had baby boy on August 6. To the best of my knowledge, mom, baby and family are doing well.

On August 1, a new manager started at ABE. Her name is Julie and had been the ABE Manager in Fergus Falls, MN. Stop by and let her know how the Literacy Project and ABE has helped you and what keeps you coming back.

Meet Julie Fietek

New ABE Coordinator



I am so very excited and humbled to be joining the A-Team here in Alexandria as the ABE Coordinator! I am a graduate of Winona State and Southwest MN State University. I have spent the last 10+ years as a grant and curriculum writer, training coordinator and teacher. Fourteen years ago I was employed as the coordinator for the Fergus Falls ABE Consortium.

I grew up in rural St. Michael-Albertville as a middle child in a family of six children. I spent much of my youth enjoying nature, sports and art. For the last 21 years our family has called Dalton, MN, home. My husband, Earl, and I just celebrated our 25th anniversary, and we have two children, Jacob and Hannah. Jacob graduated in 2018 from NDSU as a mechanical engineer, and Hannah is a sophomore at MSUM majoring in music education/voice.

We are licensed foster care providers and also provide respite care. I enjoy volunteering at the Prospect House and Civil War Museum in Battle Lake, MN. My adult hobbies include baking, refinishing furniture, reading, being outdoors, growing weeds, family gatherings, and taking walks with our 12-year-old golden retriever, Max.

I am extremely grateful for the wonderful work Sylvia Galbraith has contributed to AAABE for the past nine years, and for the fantastic volunteer coordination efforts of ALP Coordinator Rollie Finke. I look forward to getting to know each of you as the Alexandria Literacy Project and Alexandria Area Adult Basic Education Consortium work together to empower bright futures through literacy and ABE services to those in our communities!

- Julie Fietek, Coordinator
Alexandria Area Adult Basic Education

TRAINING opportunities

Fall Tutor In-service, Saturday October 12

Google Tools will be the focus of the October 12 tutor in-service, which will take place at ATCC in Room 710 (ABE Classroom) from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Jason Brazier from, MLC will facilitate.

Online Training – Year Round

Online training can be found all year at the following locations:

<https://online.themlc.org/course/index.php?categoryid=1>

DVD and other training resources available from the ALP Coordinator.

THANKS for the contributions

network for good	\$ 15.00
United Way	\$1,400.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1

United Way Chili Cook Off

October 12

Fall Tutor In-Service

October 17 and 18

Ed MN Conference (*Learning Center closed*)

November 14

Give to the Max Day

November 28 - 29

Thanksgiving Break (*Learning Center closed*)

Fall-Winter Schedule at the Alex ABE/ALP Center

ABE/GED classes will be
held the following hours
August 26-December 20:

Tuesdays: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Wednesdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Thursdays: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

ESL classes will be held:

Tuesday evenings
6:00-8:00 pm (advanced ESL)
Thursday evenings
5:30-8:30 pm

Office Hours

Tuesday through Thursday,
8:30 am-noon and
1:00-4:00 pm.

Closed:

October 17-18
(Ed MN Conference)

November 28 – 29 (Thanksgiving)

Tutor Tip: Classroom Scavenger Hunt for Prepositions

From Minnesota Literacy Council

Purpose: to practice speaking and writing prepositions of place

Preparation Time: 5 minutes

Materials Needed: two lists of items in the classroom (3-5 objects on each)

Procedure:

Write the sentence frame, "Excuse me, where is the ____?" on the board.

Have the learner practice asking the question about a few items in the room.

As they answer the questions, write the prepositions of place that they use (over, next to, under, across from, in, behind, etc.) on the board.

Give the learner a handout with a list of items for them to locate in the room (e.g., pencil sharpener, coffee pot, teacher's desk, clock, etc.).

Ask the learner where each of the items is, and to describe its location.

Work together to write down the locations of the items on the list in their notebook.

Just for Fun: Word Search

Find the names of endangered animals in this word search game



WORDS TO FIND:

ADDAX
AMUR LEOPARD
BENGAL TIGER
BLUEFIN TUNA
BONOBO
CHIMPANZEE
CONDOR
FIN WHALE
GIANT PANDA
GRIZZLY BEAR
HAWAIIAN CROW
ISLAND FOX
JAVAN RHINO
KAKAPO PARROT
MOUNTAIN GORILLA
ORANGUTAN
SAOLA
SEA TURTLE
SUMATRAN TIGER
VAQUITA