



LITERACY MATTERS

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KATHY CORNELL



Hello,

It is with a multitude of emotions that I inform you of my plan to retire from Literacy Green Bay at the end of September 2018. I am hopeful that this

allows the time for the Board of Directors to identify a new Executive Director. I've informed both Board and staff that I am happy to provide the agency whatever assistance I can for a smooth transition to my successor before and after my departure. The search for a new Executive has begun, and I anticipate that this opportunity will be posted early next week with applications due by July 20. I wanted to share my news with you before you might hear of or see the posting.

I have had the great privilege to work at Literacy Green Bay for over 27 years with a team of the most dedicated & hard-working staff & volunteers. I have truly enjoyed working for Literacy Green Bay, first in my role as Program Manager of Adult Tutoring, and now the past six years as Executive Director. I am very pleased with all that has been accomplished during my tenure—major milestones like the Ethics in Business Award, our classroom renovation project, the Annual Awards Breakfast and new collaborations and partnerships with NWTC and GBAPS—as well as the everyday outcomes like learners' achievements, happy volunteers, successful program outcomes, fund developments and Scrabble Bees. Knowing that I was a part of an organization that really impacted lives was my joy, motivation and reward for all these years, and I will cherish my memories forever.

As I look forward to enjoying my next chapter, I am positive I remain an advocate for and supporter of adult literacy and Literacy Green Bay. I will always be grateful for the many opportunities given to me over the years to grow personally and professionally and for the many friendships formed with volunteers, staff, and colleagues.

Thank you for your support,
Kathy Cornell

MANY FACES OF LITERACY GREEN BAY

GOLD TUTOR JACKIE STALEY



How did you get involved with Literacy Green Bay?

When I retired in 2001, I contacted Literacy Green Bay and signed up for the tutor training. I had taught children, young adults and older adults for 40 years, so continuing with those learning English was a perfect match for me. The great memories I have with learners has been the very best decision for a retirement involvement in the lives of many.

Share a story about your experience tutoring.

I have always enjoyed meeting people from other cultures. As a tutor with Literacy Green Bay, I have enjoyed being part of the lives of women from Mexico, Laos, Ukraine, Nicaragua, and Korea. Helping each one has been a joyful, interesting and enriching experience. Oh, the wonderful-learning of their families, their families, their challenges and successes. And, of course, watching them improve their English by speaking, writing, and reading. Two of the women I tutored have become U.S. citizens. That was a particular privilege.

What advice would you give someone who's thinking about tutoring?

Here's my advice: If you feel the least inkling of attraction to tutoring in English, don't hesitate to sign up as soon as you can. You owe it to yourself to see what the experience could be for you, knowing you are helping someone with a skill they need and want.

Any words of wisdom for new tutors?

Enjoy the person you are tutoring. Encourage them to show you photos of their family and show them some of yours. If they share about their family, they are using important English words that make them feel special. As your relationship grows, the challenging English lessons become more

SUMMER 2018 ADULT TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

45 minute Informational Session

Wednesday, June 27, 9:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Workshop Schedule:

Sessions are 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Session 1: Monday, July 9th

Session 2: Wednesday, July 11

Session 3: Mondays, July 16

Session 4: Wednesday, July 18

Contact Shelley at 435-2474 ex. 102 or skarnz@literacygreenbay.org for more information.



TUTOR & STUDENT RECOGNITION RECEPTION

PLANTING THE SEEDS OF LITERACY!



Our Annual Tutor and Student Recognition was held Thursday, May 31st at the Brown County Central Library Auditorium. At this event, our tutors and learners, including learners in our English classes, are recognized for their accomplishments and goals they obtained throughout the year. This year's theme was "Planting the Seeds of Literacy!"

While waiting for the event to begin, learners were able to plant seeds in a flower pot to take home with them. The program began with Executive Director Kathy Cornell welcoming everyone and congratulating them on their hard work this past year.



Gold Tutors Jean Van Erem and Molly Karjala with Shelley Karnz

Adult Tutoring Program Manager, Shelley Karnz, recognized our tutors who helped their learners meet their goals. She awarded tutors for achieving an hours milestone. Five tutors, Molly Karjala, Steve Lapacz, Jackie Staley, Susan Tucker, and Jean Van Erem, achieved 1,000 hours earning the Gold Tutor Award. The Silver Award was given to three tutors for 500 hours. The Master Award was given to twelve tutors for 300 hours. The Senior Award was given to thirty-six tutors for 50 hours.



Gold Tutors Jackie Staley and Susan Tucker with Shelley Karnz



Silver Tutors Bill Hinkfuss, Bonnie LeMense and Terry Roberts



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ELL Class Program Manager, Betsy Hanson presented certificates to the students in our classes. We had 12 English classes, offering Pre-level 1 to level 3 this spring. Each class and their teacher when up to the stage to be recognized.



Then our students in our Adult Tutoring Program were honored for improving their skills and obtaining goals throughout the year. Some of the accomplishments recognized were, improving reading skills, advancing a grade level, obtaining citizenship, and passing a GED subject test.

Door prizes were drawn and refreshments and cake were served. Learners had the opportunity to choose books for their children, courtesy of the Brown County Library's Give-A-Kid-A-Book Campaign. Thank you again to all of our tutors and learners! You have accomplished much!





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Award Winners

Gold Award (1000 Hours)

Molly Karjala

Steve Lapacz

Jackie Staley

Susan Tucker

Jean Van Erem

Silver Award (500 Hours)

Bill Hinkfuss

Bonnie LeMense

Terry Roberts

Master Award (300 Hours)

Mary Arnold

Sr. Agnes Fischer

Sue Gerber-Hipwell

Renee Geyer

Cathy Golden

Katie Higgins

CJ Janus

Barb Klaas

Paul Ropson

Shiloh Spredemann

James Veitch

Jolene Wichlacz

Senior Tutors (50 Hours)

Tracy Alton

Ann Bowman

Peter Bowman

Emily Claflin

Darlene Curro

Kathy DeBroux

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Kristen Fliss

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Pizza Ranch

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5TH ANNUAL AWARD & APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

LITERACY GREEN BAY CELEBRATES!



Our 5th Annual Award and Appreciation Breakfast was held Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at the Legend's Club at Lambeau Field Atrium. This breakfast shows appreciation to our donors and supporters while acquainting guests with the extraordinary work of our dedicated volunteers and learners. WFRV's Tom Zalaski was our Emcee.

The event began with opening remarks from Emcee Tom Zalaski as well as Literacy Green Bay Board President, Kathy Rohde. They then introduced this year's **Green Bay Area Exchange Club Citizenship Scholarship** recipients who read their essays, "What It Means to Me to Be a United States Citizen." Since 2005, the Green Bay Exchange Club has awarded citizenship scholarships to Literacy Green Bay students who recently became U.S. citizens. This year's Citizenship Scholarship winners were Gabriela Gamboa and brother and sister, Dang and Tan Nguyen.



The **Literacy Partnership Award** was presented next. This award honors an agency, corporation, business, or foundation that partners with Literacy Green Bay to advance our mission. The 2018 recipient is Georgia-Pacific.

Georgia-Pacific is recognized for its multiyear commitment as a Committed for the Future classroom sponsor.

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The **Irene Daniell Kress Literacy Advocate Award**, sponsored by The George Kress Foundation, honors an individual, company, or institution that promotes literacy in the community. This perpetual award honors the late Irene Daniell Kress, a literacy advocate, tutor and the first recipient. The 2018 recipient is Susan Lagerman.

Susan Lagerman is recognized for her service on our Board of Directors and for her advocacy for literacy.

The **Evie Jensen Spirit Award**, sponsored by Dennis & Karen Wojahn, recognizes the joyful and compassionate spirit of our late friend and first employee of Literacy Green Bay, Evie Jensen. The 2018 recipient is Steve Lapacz.

Steve became associated with Literacy Green Bay 10 years ago. After tutoring 2 students, he became a volunteer math instructor in our Children First Family Literacy GED program. He has accumulated 1,860 hours as a volunteer GED math instructor. Steve was recently the Adult Volunteer Award recipient at the 2018 WPS Volunteer Breakfast!



The **Lifetime of Literacy Award**, sponsored by Quality Insulators, Inc, honors an individual who has been directly involved with the work of Literacy Green Bay for 20 years or more. The 2018 recipient is Julie Arneth.

Julie has been affiliated with Literacy Green Bay since 1996 as a volunteer tutor and ELL teacher. Over the years, she has taught more than 1,040 learners from 40 different countries.

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The **Outstanding Adult Learner of the Year Award**, sponsored by Schreiber, honors an adult learner within our Tutoring Program in recognition of significant achievements as a result of increased literacy. The 2018 recipient is Hector Torres.

Hector progressed through our 3 levels of English classes and was matched with the first of three tutors who assisted him in improving his reading and math skills so he could earn his GED. In 2013, he obtained his GED and is now attending NWTC.

The **Outstanding English Language Learner of the Year Award**, sponsored by American Foods Group, recognizes the achievements made by an English Language Learner who is currently in or who began in our ELL Classes. The 2018 recipient is Sabrina Zerhouni.

Sabrina, originally from Algeria, is a role model for other ELL students because of her work ethic and classroom attendance. She has represented Literacy Green Bay at various presentations and is one of our new student ambassadors.



The **Outstanding Children First Family Literacy Graduate Award**, sponsored by Nicolet National Bank, honors a GED graduate who has transitioned into post-secondary schooling or obtained better employment. The 2018 recipient is GaoBlialia Vang.

GaoBlialia demonstrated determination and persistence while overcoming obstacles as she studied for her GED. She enrolled in the program in June of 2017 and in less than a year, completed her diploma by March.

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The **Youth Volunteer of the Year Award**, sponsored by Wisconsin Public Service, honors a young adult who demonstrates a commitment to serving Literacy Green Bay, has accumulated over 50 volunteer hours and demonstrates leadership skills. The 2018 recipient is Hope Karnz.

Hope began volunteering in childcare in 2014 and has since accumulated over 115 hours. In addition to volunteering in childcare, she has also volunteered at Literacy Green Bay special events.

We recognized our outgoing Board Members Bill Monfre, Paul Kaster, Sue Lagerman, Kim Dyer, Drew Pollack, and Daniel Cullen. Board President Kathy Rohde is pictured with Drew Pollack, Sue Lagerman and Bill Monfre.

Thank you for your service and support!



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