



LITERACY MATTERS

MARCH 2018



Thank you to all who gave during the Give BIG Green Bay event! Literacy Green Bay raised \$13,986 before the match. Give BIG Green Bay raised \$805,610 for local nonprofits. Thank You!

16TH ANNUAL SCRABBLE BEE

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Thank you to all of our sponsors, participants, judges, board members and staff who joined us for our 16th Annual Scrabble Bee that was held Thursday, March 1st at the Swan Club in De Pere. Over 250 people attended our largest fundraiser of the year. Our goal was to raise \$50,000. This year over \$52,000 was raised to support our literacy programs!

16TH ANNUAL SCRABBLE BEE

The evening began with dinner and a presentation by one of our adult learners, Sabrina. She shared the story of her journey and how Literacy Green Bay's ELL classes and tutoring program assisted her in improving her English, connecting her with the community and obtaining a job.



Our Master of Ceremonies, Lisa Malak, of WFRV-TV Local 5 Live, and our auctioneer Jim Stamatakos led the oral auction, which had great items like a Weekend in Wisconsin Dells, Island Resort and Casino, and Milwaukee Fun. In addition to the oral auction, there was also a silent auction, bucket raffle and restaurant raffle.

After dinner and the oral auction, two rounds of Scrabble took place. Each round had a different theme to which the words had to apply. However, teams could purchase extra tiles and bribe a judge. Thank you to all the teams who came out to play. One could really feel the energy in the room!



Congratulations to 1st place winners, The Cellcom & Nsight Ringers with 7023 points. Northeast Wisconsin Technical College came in 2nd place with 6999 points and Grancare Nursing Center and Grancare Gardens Assisted Living came in 3rd place with 6698 points.





MANY FACES OF LITERACY GREEN BAY ELL LEARNER SABRINA ZERHOUNI

Why did you move to Green Bay?

To join my husband and discover America since I like to travel and find new adventures.

When did you first come to Literacy Green Bay?

I started class in level 2 in January 2017. I started level 3 that fall. I also worked with a tutor.

How has Literacy Green Bay helped you?

Speak, read in English and communicate with others to make new friends and participate in some community events, and volunteering.

Why do you want to learn English?

I want to start looking for jobs and I am seeking help from literacy to apply for job opportunities.

CHILDREN FIRST FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM IS ON THE MOVE

Our Children First Family Literacy program is moving to a new location. Beginning March 26th, the program will now be housed at the Howe Community Resource Center. We look forward to our new collaboration with NWTC, Howe Community Resource Center and Green Bay Area Public Schools.

We would like to thank everyone at the YWCA Greater Green Bay for their past support and collaboration for the Children First Family Literacy program since 2011.



HEALTH LITERACY

Literacy Green Bay is hosting a Let's Talk About Pain Medicines Workshop on Thursday, April 12 at 9:30 a.m. This is a free 90-minute educational program developed by Wisconsin Health Literacy to help refugees, immigrants and other adults obtain a better understanding of how to more safely and effectively use prescription pain (opioid) medicine.

Each participant is provided with a workbook and fact sheets to take home, plus the chance to enter into a prize drawing at the end of the program. The workshops are presented by non-clinical facilitators and are not intended to serve as medical advice. This project is supported by a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Minority Health Program.