



Literacy Green Bay *Our Mission:*

To help adults and families acquire the reading, writing, math, English language, computer and workforce skills they need to be fully functioning members of our community.

September 2016

From the Executive Director: History of Literacy Green Bay Chapter 8: Family Literacy



In 2000, Literacy Green Bay along with many community partners began our area's first family literacy program. What is family literacy? By definition, family literacy programs address the literacy needs of the family while promoting the parents' involvement in their children's education, recognizing parents are their children's first teachers. Family literacy programming has 4 components: adult educational

programming (literacy, ELL, GED) for parents; age appropriate educational experiences that readies children for kindergarten and supports their school success; interactive literacy activities between parents and their children; and parenting education related to literacy and language development and school success.

We have operated this program at several sites with various partners over the years. Today, our current program is called the Children First Family Literacy program and it is a collaboration with NWTC and the YWCA of Greater Green Bay. Approximately fifty families are enrolled annually. As the parent works toward attaining their GED, the child is enrolled in early childhood programming. The goal is to break the cycle of dropping out and low skills so families can move from poverty to self-sufficiency. We are always thrilled when one of our parents "graduates" from the program.



"This program means a second chance for me to make my family secure and a start towards it being complete. It has helped my family understand that education is a priority. With the help of the early childhood staff I am able to focus on my education without worrying if my children are safe. Being on a set income, I could never afford paid childcare to be able to come to class. This is truly a blessing in my life. I have seen much improvement in me-not only educational but mentally and emotionally. I am proud that I'm doing something positive, and this time I feel like I can truly make it because of this program. The teachers aren't just teachers; they're part of my support system.

-Anita

DOCTORS IN RECITAL

We are also extremely excited that we were selected as the charity partner for the 2017 Doctors in Recital event to be held January 21st, 2017 at the Weidner Center. Become a 2017 Sponsor of Doctors in Recital. Visit www.browncms.org/dir/ for more information.

Planning to attend? Reserve your tickets today! Tickets will be available for purchase at Literacy Green Bay in mid-November. Tickets are \$20 per/person and general admission. Contact Betsy Hanson at 920-435-2474 ex. 106 or email at bhanson@literacygreenbay.org to pre-order.

2nd Annual Walk for Literacy

Thank you to all who braved the rain and came out for our 2nd Annual Walk for Literacy that was held Saturday, September 10th at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. In spite of the weather, our Walk for Literacy was a success due to the enthusiasm of 91 walkers, dozens of volunteers and generous supporters. We raised over \$3,000 for our adult and family literacy programming for the upcoming year!

We hope you will join us in Fall 2017 for our 3rd Annual Walk for Literacy!



Best Wishes and Farewell

After 5 years as our Office Manager, Julie Gaston will be leaving Literacy Green Bay for another career opportunity. Her last day with us will be September 30. Please stop by on Thursday, September 29 between 9 am and 2 pm to bid her farewell and enjoy a piece of cake. We will miss Julie and wish her all the best in the future.

Welcome

As Program Specialist, Taylor will be assisting both Program Managers for our Adult Tutoring program and our ELL classes in data entry, student management and outcomes collection. She will also provide support for our volunteer tutors, our student evaluators, and ELL teaching staff. She will be here Monday through Thursday afternoons. Taylor is a 2016 UWGB graduate with a BS in Public Administration and minor in Non-profit Management. She also received a BA in Communications and English in 2012.



Job Opening: Office Manager

We are looking for an office manager that ensures that the Literacy Green Bay office runs efficiently, including office supervision; data entry; maintaining book inventory/book sales; answering phones/addressing questions; managing accounts receivable and payable; maintaining databases/mail lists; bulk mailings; generating financial/program reports and providing support for the Executive Director, Program Managers and Board as requested. Check the Literacy Green Bay website on how to apply.

Job Opening: Computer Lab Instructor

We are looking for a part time computer lab instructor. A qualified candidate will have knowledge of computers, computer learning software and databases and the ability to work with a diverse/multicultural population. Check the Literacy Green Bay website on how to apply.



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