



Literacy Action Corps of Columbia

Fall 2015

New Tutors Complete Training



Welcome, new tutors! LAC is pleased to announce the graduates of the spring 2015 tutor training sessions. Braving chilly weather, seven individuals completed the tutor training in February. Timothy Billups, Debbie Christenson, Michelle Millot, Marcia Reeves, and Ellen Rippetto are LAC's newest ELL tutors. Shelly Gooding and Sherri Mills are LAC's newest ABL tutors.

Thank you, tutors, for your commitment and dedication. You are making a difference in your students' lives and in your community. Congratulations, tutors!



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM TUTORS

In order to make LAC's annual report to ProLiteracy, please tell us the hours you spent on LAC tutoring in 2015. Please provide the information identified on the reporting calendar insert included in this newsletter. Please don't include hours already reported. Estimates are fine. Thank you!

Check out our new fill-able reporting calendar on the LAC website at literacyactioncorps.org! You can email your hours to laccolumbia@yahoo.com or mail the printed form to P.O. Box 7105, Columbia, MO, 65205.

Mark Your Calendars!

NEW Fall Tutor Training Sessions Begin in September

Literacy Action Corps will host
Tutor Training sessions:

**September 15th, 22nd, 29th,
and October 6th and 13th, 2015
7PM – 9:30PM.**

First Baptist Church

All training sessions are
required for prospective tutors.

The deadline for registration is
September 11th, 2015.

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

**Tuesday, November 10th,
2015**

**First Baptist Church
5:30-8:00PM**

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of Columbia**

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LAC Board

LAC is pleased to welcome Shelly Gooding to the board. Shelly joins the board as the Fund-Raising Committee Chair. Shelly recently completed the ABL training session.



If you or someone you know is interested in working with LAC, consider joining the board. The board is a great place for someone who isn't able to tutor but wants to be a part of adult literacy education in Columbia. The Finance Committee Chair is currently vacant. The board is also seeking tech-savvy individuals to improve LAC's online presence. Board positions do not require previous experience on a board. For information on the positions, please email laccolumbia@yahoo.com.

Explore with Your Student Upcoming Events and Activities

Columbia's vibrant community always has something for you and your student. Whether it's a yearly tradition or a new gem, you and your student can learn and grow.

- **38th Annual Heritage Festival and Craft Show**
September 18th and 19th, 2015 in Historic Nifong Park (free; vendors may charge)
Vendors and exhibits of historic crafts and skills along with music and children's activities.
https://www.gocolumbiamo.com/ParksandRec/Activities_and_Programs/heritage-festival.php
- **South Farm Showcase**
September 26th, 2015 at South Farm (free)
Exhibits include petting a goat, milking a cow, and meeting a falconer. Many experts from MU will be on hand.
http://calendar.missouri.edu/event/south_farm_showcase_7038#.VacaXIE8KK0
- **Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival**
October 10th and 11th, 2015 (free; vendors may charge)
Craft vendors, hayrides, a strawbale maze, plus a lot of pumpkins!
<http://www.hartsburgpumpkinfest.com>
- **Living Windows**
December 4th, 2015 (free)
Shop windows throughout the district become stages for live holiday performances.
<http://discoverthedistrict.com/events/event/living-windows-festival/>

Corrections

LAC would like to note two corrections in the Spring 2015 Newsletter. Margaret Ruvalcaba has been tutoring for 15 years. Frederick Douglass High School is the site where some LAC tutors are placed. LAC regrets any errors or omissions. LAC tutors and the institutions in and around Columbia are all vital components to adult literacy education in the community.

CoMoGives 2015 and LAC



Thanks to you and the generous community of mid-Missouri, LAC received \$1,305 during the second annual CoMoGives campaign in 2014. LAC is excited to participate in the CoMoGives campaign again this year. Keep an eye out for the printed guides listing the 72 participating organizations. Guides are available November 11th throughout Columbia and online at CoMoGives.com. The giving period begins December 1st and ends midnight December 31st. Please consider donating to LAC.

With your help, LAC hopes to raise funds to purchase materials to support ELLs and ABLs in their literacy goals. The LAC resource library is in need of updated books for students and their tutors. Additionally, new tutor training materials will enhance the tutor training experience and give tutors an even stronger foundation from which to help their students.

Please share the word about CoMoGives and LAC. Information is on Facebook, LinkedIn, and other social media outlets beginning in November. Just search for “CoMoGives” or visit CoMoGives.com.



Thank you for the many ways you support LAC and the students it serves.

Thank you!



Thank you to every generous donor who contributed to LAC during 2014, including during the CoMoGives campaign. You have helped literacy students and tutors in your community find success. You are appreciated!

- Mark and Mary Becker
- Scott Belden
- John Blakemore
- Boone Electric Community Trust
- Leslie Clay
- Patricia Cole and James Elfrank
- Revocable Trust
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- Rosa England
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- Michael Kaplan
- Megan McGuire
- Pascucci Charitable Trust
- Sarah Perry
- Michael Rowson
- Mahree Skala
- Elizabeth Stepanovic
- Joan Watson

Donations can be made to LAC between 12/1/15 – 12/31/15 through CoMoGives.com. Donations can also be made to LAC directly at any time. You or your organization may mail a check to: P.O. Box 7105, Columbia, MO, 65205. Thank you for your support.

Literacy News

Did you spot LAC in the news? KOMU reported on LAC's tutor training sessions in February of this year. The piece highlights the need for literacy education in the U.S. It describes some of the literacy techniques tutors learn to use. It also includes a short video from the training session. Consider sharing the link with someone who is interested in tutoring and is curious about the tutor training process. Enrollment is starting now for the fall tutor training sessions. You can read the article and watch the short video here: <http://www.komu.com/>



Denny and Sung-Oh as pictured in the Columbia Daily Tribune.

In other LAC news, board member Linda Breedlove wrote an article for the Columbia Daily Tribune. The piece tells about LAC's history and mission and its role in the mid-Missouri community. You can

read and share it on KOMU's website: <http://m.columbiatribune.com/>



International Literacy Day is September 8th. In 1965, UNESCO declared September 8th as International Literacy Day. According to the website dedicated to the event, "approximately 775 million people in the world are functionally illiterate." This yearly event is a chance to promote awareness of illiteracy and the possibilities for eradicating it. This year's theme is "Literacy and Sustainable Societies".

Take a moment with your student on September 8th to recognize International Literacy Day and celebrate literacy!

Call for Submissions

If your student would like his or her success story shared in the newsletter, please contact LAC at: laccolumbia@yahoo.com or 573-442-4280.



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendar to join LAC tutors, students, friends, and family on Tuesday, November 10th for the annual LAC Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. There will be a catered dinner at First Baptist Church, along with games and a raffle. Tutors with outstanding service will be recognized with awards.

Tutors, please keep an eye out for a postcard invitation in your mailbox and RSVP. Students and their families are welcome, so please invite them to join you if you would like!

Literacy Action Corps of Columbia is a non-profit organization founded in 1968. It is affiliated nationally with ProLiteracy Worldwide, and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Connect with LAC online at <http://www.literacyactioncorps.org/>, on Facebook, or at laccolumbia@yahoo.com.