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Hillsborough Literacy Council is sad to announce that our two library staff members, Lucie Chaumont and Ashley Nelson, have left the library and literacy world to pursue their other passions.

Both of these women have put in countless hours ensuring that the Hillsborough Literacy Council runs smoothly and effectively. It has been an absolute pleasure working with them and we wish them well with their new exciting endeavors!

Though we are happy to announce that Eric Hughes will be taking over the role of Library Liaison. Learn more about Eric on the next page. The other library staff position is still vacant at this time.

Please use the below Adult Literacy phone number and email for all HLC communications.

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adultliteracy@hillsboroughcounty.org
Meet Eric Hughes

Eric has served as a part-time reference librarian for Hillsborough County for two and a half years and has worked for various college libraries since 1997.

He has over ten years of experience teaching English as a Second Language at USF. And he served two years in Mozambique as an English Language Fellow for the US Department of State, where he also worked on library services at the Martin Luther King Jr. American Cultural Center.

He has also performed with Tampa’s WIT Improv comedy troupe for eight years.
Showing Thanks

September was National Literacy Month, the perfect occasion to celebrate the volunteers and learners who make the Hillsborough Literacy Council thrive.

This year's Student Tutor Appreciation was held on Saturday, September 23 at the beautiful Italian Club in Ybor City.
Student Tutor Appreciation

This event honors volunteers who commit a year or more to teaching adults to read or speak English, and students who strive to learn basic literacy or communication skills in order to become citizens, get jobs, help families, or deal with everyday life.

Selected students and tutors were recognized for their dedication to the cause of adult literacy, having persevered through challenges and hardships. Some students read brief stories they were able to write, and all had the opportunity to meet, inspire, and encourage each other. This event shines a light on the importance of literacy in everyone’s lives and how volunteerism enhances the community.
Each year, HLC publishes a collection of moving student essays entitled *Visions*. These essays are a celebration of students’ learning progress and are published without any editing.

This year we had three students read their stories. Yuslinda Nehe read her story “Wailing from my Heart”. Tatiane Corpsa shared her story “The Imaginary Friends”. And Lina Carvajal read “How to tell them?”. 
Tutor Award Winners

1 DIANE GREY - SYLVIA MILLER AWARD WINNER

2 DEBBY LOUDIN - BASIC LITERACY TUTOR OF THE YEAR

3 STEVE DRUMM - ESOL TUTOR OF THE YEAR

"TO LEARN TO READ IS TO LIGHT A FIRE; EVERY SYLLABLE THAT IS SPELLED OUT IS A SPARK" - VICTOR HUGO
Special Thanks

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TUTORS WITH 100 HOURS OR MORE OVER THE LAST YEAR

Cheryl Caltagirone  
Bernadette Cook  
Stephen Drumm  
Adam Knaggs  
Katherine Lewis  
Debby Loudin  
Catherine Luthin  
Mary Malmquist  
William Miller  
Frank Shideler  
Julie Tollen  
Lark Underwood

Special recognition to Lark Underwood (above) and Diane Grey (below) was given in honor of their time dedicated as volunteer tutor trainers and mentors.
NEW TUTOR TRAINING

There’s a new group of HLC tutors ready to make a difference in Hillsborough county.

On October 14, eighteen excited and energetic individuals attended the all day HLC new tutor training that was held at the North Tampa Branch Library.

Library staff, Allie Brazis and Alexandra Greacen, were joined by volunteer tutor trainers and mentors Diane Grey and Lark Underwood to teach the class. Topics discussed were tutor strategies, the matching process for tutors and students, and procedures and expectations for tutors. We are very excited to welcome this new group of tutors to the Hillsborough Literacy Council family!
"Whenever you read a good book, somewhere in the world a door opens to allow in more light."

- VERA NAZARIAN