

# LITBITS



## Donations & Fundraising

The Hillsborough Literacy Council had a few very successful fundraising events this past year. The most popular had to be bingo at Hamburger Mary's. Everyone had a blast and the HLC raised almost \$1500!

The HLC also held two Libations for Literacy Events. Libations for Literacy is a happy hour for Tampa Bay professionals to show their support for adult literacy in Hillsborough County. Each event is held at a local restaurant and a \$10 donation gets you a free drink. The most recent Libations for Literacy was held at the Bungalow Restaurant on Kennedy Boulevard. The nachos were amazing but the conversations and connections made the night. We hope you to see you at the next one!

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## News

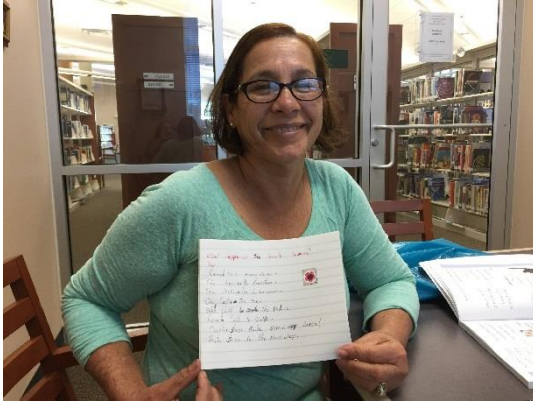
### Next New Tutor Training

January 28, 2017  
Bruton Memorial Library  
302 McLendon St, Plant City, 33563

### The Adult Literacy Office has moved to the Tampa Free Library

When turning in books to be sent back to us please address the manila envelope:  
**TFL – Adult Literacy**

## Our Amazing Students



Beginning ESL student, Neomarys Chavez proudly displays her first piece of independent writing. It is a summary of the story she has been practicing reading for the past several weeks.



Richard Gaylord got a job!  
Mark Spyke bought a house!  
Irving Eckert moved up to Laubach 4!

## Story from a Donor

*The following is an email the HLC received from someone looking to make things right:*

Hello and Happy New Year!

I belong to an anonymous fellowship that is focused on recovering from alcoholism. Part of the process is to make right what was once wrong. I owed \$300 to a local man who owns several restaurants in the Tampa area, but he refused and asked that I instead donate the money to some kind of charity or cause of my choice.

I'm originally from the Los Angeles area where my aunt worked with migrant workers and taught local kids how to speak English. Because of the influence my aunt had on me, and because she passed a year or so ago, this was the first thing I thought of when asked to make a charitable contribution; however, now having lived in Tampa for many years I thought about supporting my local English as a Second Language affiliates before reaching out across the country.

I would love to support the Hillsborough Literacy Council... is there a way I can support the HLC (like purchasing supplies of some sort)?

Thanks very much for your time and consideration!

## Words from a Tutor

I am grateful to be appointed a Tutor. The experience is beyond all expectations. The Literacy Council has been very supportive and cooperative. I have also learned much from my students. What else can I say?

- Dan Ballesteros

# TUTOR TIPS

## Tips *for* Tutors *by* Tutors

### Homework Sheets

A Homework Sheet will help both Student and Tutor keep track of work to be done outside of the tutoring sessions. It acts as a double-check that a task is understood, it underscores that learning should also happen outside of the sessions, and it reminds both parties what is being worked on for your next meeting.

For the Tutor, it can also be a reminder of any additional materials which need to be prepared for the next tutoring session.



*\*Hundreds of free ESL worksheets can be found at [www.elcivics.com](http://www.elcivics.com) (link from HLC website).*

### Reward Stickers

Even adults appreciate the tangible signs of good efforts and excellent work that stickers represent. Seek out inexpensive packs of bright, funny, glittery, seasonal stickers which can be found at Wal-Mart, Dollar Tree, Big Lots, or educational supply stores.



### Pronunciation

We tend to speak rapidly in our native tongue because our ears are attuned to the language we know best. With our students, we need to be aware that English may not be their best language. Make a conscious effort, especially with ESOL students, to slow your speech rate and model correct pronunciation.

Separate a new or difficult word with which your student is having difficulty into its syllables. Practice each syllable slowly, gradually speeding up each repetition until the word is said smoothly.

## Conversation Corner

Conversation Corner is a drop-in English practice program. They occur one day per week for one hour at multiple library locations. Please encourage your students to attend as many as they can to practice their English conversation skills. The more they exercise their speaking and listening ability, the quicker they become proficient in the English language.

Winter session locations, days, and times:

### New Tampa Regional Library



10001 Cross Creek Blvd.  
Tampa, 33647

**Mondays**  
**6:30 p.m.**

### Temple Terrace Public Library



202 Bullard Parkway  
Temple Terrace, 33617

**Mondays**  
**6 p.m.**

### North Tampa Branch Library



8916 North Boulevard  
Tampa, 33604

**Wednesdays**  
**6 p.m.**

### Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library



1211 Countryway Blvd.  
Tampa, 33626

**Thursdays**  
**6 p.m.**

### Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library



2902 W Bearss Ave.  
Tampa, 33618

**Tuesdays**  
**11 a.m.**

**Saturdays**  
**10:15 a.m.**

### Town 'N Country Regional Library



7606 Paula Drive, Suite 120  
Tampa, 33615

**Wednesdays**  
**11 a.m.**

### Bruton Memorial Library



302 W McLendon Street  
Plant City, 33563

**Tuesdays**  
**7 p.m.**

### Brandon Regional Library



619 Vonderburg Drive  
Brandon, 33511

**Tuesdays**  
**6 p.m.**

### Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library

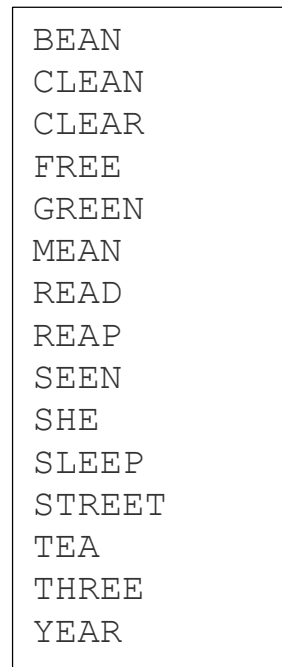


3910 S. Manhattan Ave.  
Tampa, 33611

**Thursdays**  
**6 p.m.**

The current schedule is posted on our website at [www.hillsboroughliteracy.org/learn/english-practice](http://www.hillsboroughliteracy.org/learn/english-practice)

## Student Word Search – Long “E”

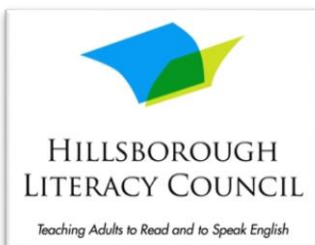


## Proverbs around the world

He who steals eggs steals cattle (France)

Give him an inch and he'll take a mile (United States)

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