

Hillsborough Literacy Council



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Message From the Literacy Department

We're now into fall, and all of the excitement of summer has passed. September is Literacy Month, and we spent most of August and September preparing for our Annual Student and Tutor Appreciation Assembly. Now that all that is dying down, we look forward to finishing out the year with our final new tutor training, new shared lessons, and as always, outreach to new tutors.



We would like to welcome our new board members, Dr. Jenifer Schneider, Karla Guzman-Mims, and Brandi Meredith, who have joined the board in the previous six months. They have shown great enthusiasm and insight for our literacy efforts.

Don't forget that we have both an Instagram and Facebook page (search either for Hillsborough Literacy Council) and this will help you keep informed about the goings on here in the Literacy Department, and with the Hillsborough Literacy Council.

Record number of tutors at tutor training

We held our most recent tutor training in August at the North Tampa Branch, and we had the largest class of new tutors, perhaps ever. We had a record-breaking 38 attendees with enough people ready to go shortly thereafter that we are having our next training on October 13th, just two weeks away!



We also have an increase in Conversation Corners, including in some libraries where they have not been held before, such as SouthShore and the Arthenia Joyner University Area Community Library.



Annual Tutor and Student Appreciation Assembly

This year's annual assembly was held on September 22nd at the wonderful Italian Club in Ybor City. Our guest speaker was Mellissa Alonso Teston, who spoke eloquently about her immigrant family and heritage, her love for reading and literacy, and her distinguished career as a Literacy teacher and supervisor for Hillsborough County.

The event was hosted by ABC Action News anchor, Rod Carter, and also featured readers from this year's Visions.

Awards were given out, including:
ESL Student: Glenda Henriquez
Literacy Student: Harry Cáliz
ESL Tutor: Lisa Clementi
Literacy Tutor: Jim Alcorn
Sylvia Miller Award: Lark Underwood



Hurricane prep lesson

It's not too late to teach the hurricane preparedness lesson that is available on our shared drive (link). The lesson features a reading, discussion and comprehension questions, and vocabulary activities. October is the height of Hurricane season, and all of our students could benefit from having knowledge about what to do to prepare.

Games and Flash Cards

Don't forget that we have a variety of board games and flash cards at the Literacy Office that you can use in your group classes and Conversation Corners! See the shared drive for a complete list.



Student Stats and Accomplishments

- 20 Students feel like reading English is easier.
- 2 Students became citizens.
- 7 Completed a skill book level.
- 7 Students got a new job because of their increased English skills.
- 12 Students were able to read to their child.
- 8 Students began reading in English for pleasure.
- 11 new students registered for a library card.
- 3 got a driver's license.
- 5 had a job interview.
- 2 got a raise or promotion.

Fall Season

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FLANNEL

FOOTBALL

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PUMPKIN

RED

SQUIRREL