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Elections for President and Vice-president of the Hillsborough Literacy Council took place at the monthly board meeting in January. We are pleased to announce that our new president is Karla Guzman-Mims, and our Vice President is Brandi Meredith. Both President Guzman-Mims and Vice-President Meredith have been board members for the past year. Our previous president, Paul Suppicich steps down after three years as HLC president. Our Secretary remains Bill Hunter, and our Treasurer remains Drew Pfeifer.

As a reminder, board meetings are open to the public, and in particular, any tutor interested in becoming part of the board is invited to join us on the third Thursdays of the month at the John F. Germany library.
The Literacy Department is happy to announce that the Friends of the Library have been awarded a $10,000 grant to establish a series of citizenship classes in conjunction with the Hispanic Services Council of Hillsborough. The funds have been used to purchase numerous Ipads and support materials for the courses. The Ipads will also be available for use by Hillsborough Literacy Council tutors to provide multimedia and technology support during tutoring sessions.
In January, the Literacy Coordinator, Eric Hughes, presented at Tampa’s 1 Million Cups event at the Entrepreneur Collaborative Center in Ybor City. The event, hosted every Wednesday morning, is a forum for small business owners and entrepreneurs in Tampa to discuss their businesses and ideas in front of the community. There is a six minute presentation, followed by a twenty minute question and answer session.

The focus of Mr. Hughes’ presentation was on reaching and recruiting more tutors to the HLC.
Visions

It’s never too early to begin to start encouraging students to work on a submission to Visions, our annual publication of student writing. Submissions will need to be turned in to the Literacy Department by early summer to be ready for publication. Visions is distributed in print at the Annual Student-Tutor Appreciation event in September.

Share on Social Media

Don’t forget to like and follow the HLC page on Facebook. This allows us to expand our reach when we make important announcements, particularly about new tutor training. Also, it never hurts to share pictures and stories of tutors and students working together (as long as both parties agree to it). You can share your own pictures with us on Facebook, or email us pictures at adultliteracy@hcflgov.net that we can share on our Instagram feed. We are particularly interested in pictures, and stories of our student achievements, because they are the most effective at attracting new tutors when we share them. People want to see what their volunteer time will be like!
Conversation Corners will be resuming for the second session of the year in March. Our current locations are listed here.

This session runs from the week of March 25th through the week of May 20th.

If you are a tutor who is interested in starting a Conversation Corner at another location, please contact us! We especially would like leaders for North Tampa and Temple Terrace.

Brandon Regional Library
Tuesdays @ 6 p.m.

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
Tuesdays @ 11 a.m.

New Tampa Regional Library
Saturdays @ 1:00 p.m.

Seminole Heights Library
Saturdays @ 10:15

SouthShore Regional Library
Wednesdays @ 1:00 p.m.

Town ‘N Country Library
Wednesdays @ 11 a.m.

West Tampa Branch Library
Wednesdays @ 11 a.m.
Crossword

Long Vowel Sounds - A

R I N B N I A R T E N A A A
L T C R O I E N O R R A K M
A R E A N I S I A R O A S A
R N F V R T I A E N C N P P
A O R E O E A Y I G A G H L
A K S N A K E O A R R A G E
D M A I N N R E A D A A D V
I A Y M Y A N O E E O L P A
W A G E V Y A A A E A T D E
O E T N I A F T L A A A O R
M W H A L E E E K I I E P S
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N A F R A I D O A I G H D A

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