

# Hillsborough LITERACY COUNCIL

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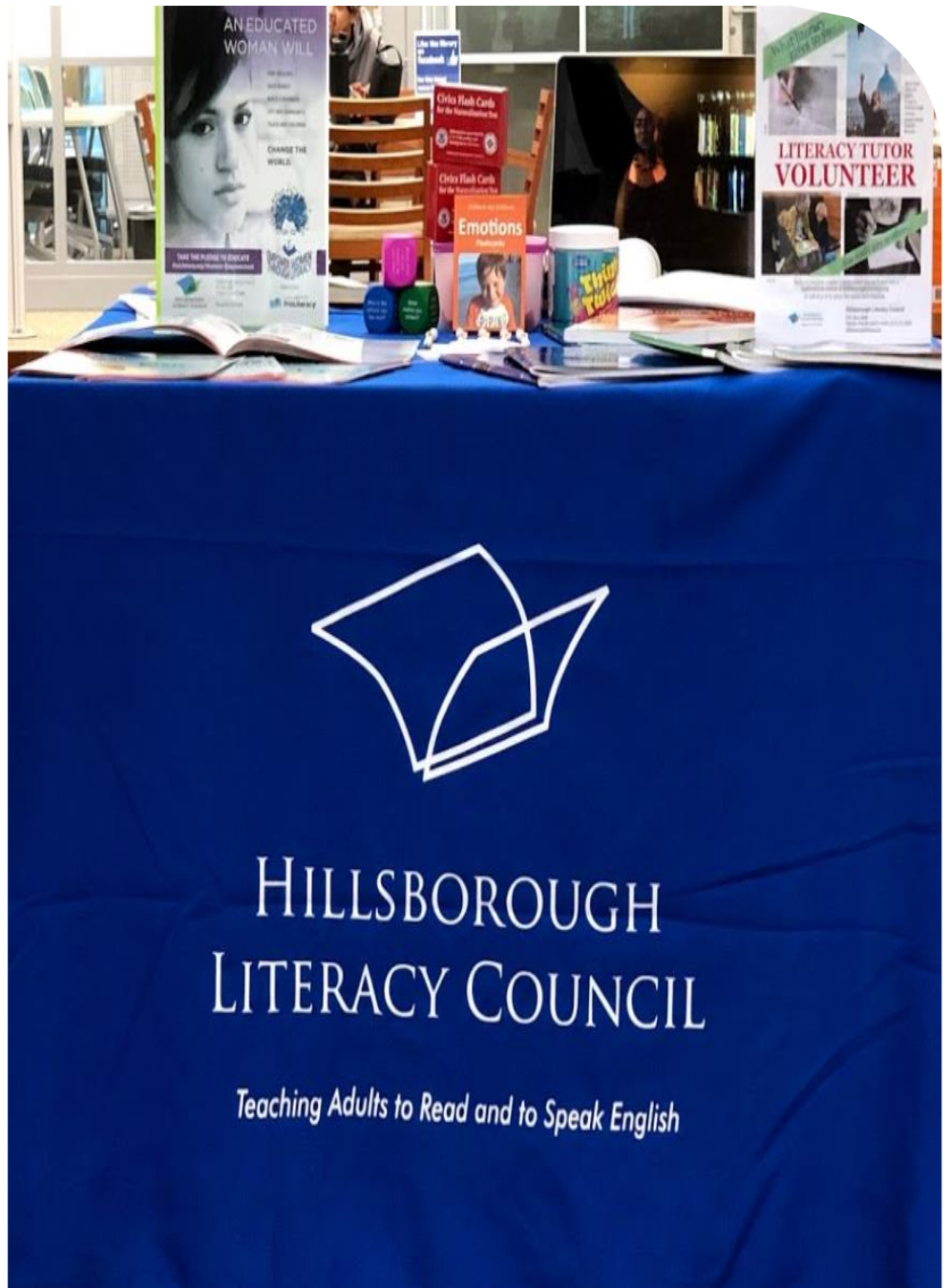
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*Teaching Adults to Read and to Speak English*

**“Yohana’s goal is that of being able to speak and understand her son speaking English. That will be our goal!”**

### QUOTES

“Monica is very smart and committed to learning. She is always enthusiastic and constantly looking for learning tools. She uses Mango regularly!”

“Browsing, I found a college level book about Fair Share and coffee growing in Guatemala. Glenda read it aloud for more than an hour then took it home. NOT easy reading. Her dad is coffee grower in Honduras.”



## MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

It's that time when the old year is wrapping up, and the new one is beginning. In 2019 we were lucky to meet and get to know so many tutors and students. In case you didn't know, you are an interesting bunch of people! Your reasons for wanting to learn to read, write, speak, or to tutor are so varied and inspirational! Some people want to learn to read, write, or speak just to send text messages to their grandchildren. Some people want to get a promotion at work, and some want to know they have conquered illiteracy in their lives after living with it for decades. Many people will come to us in January full of fresh vigor to realize a resolution to improve themselves or improve the lives of others. I'm so glad to know that whenever I meet a member of the Hillsborough Literacy Council, I'm meeting the exact kind of person with the devotion and wherewithal to do just that.



Recently, we had our end of the year party, and I got the chance to talk to a few tutors. They told me about the dreams of their students, and their motivations. No one comes to the HLC just to pass the time, let me tell you. And here, at the end of the year just as at the beginning, our family is equally devoted to making resolutions and dreams come true for the citizens of Hillsborough County. I am always impressed by all of you, and I wish you more achievement in the coming year.



## NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2020

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2020 President: Brandi Meredith

Coming in 2020, we will have new leadership at the HLC. Elections were held in November, and there will be a few changes at the top. First, our current Vice President, Brandi Meredith, will be stepping into the role of President. Our new Vice President will be Dr. Jenifer Schneider. Bill Hunter will continue his role as Secretary, and Drew Pfeifer will continue as Treasurer.

We would like to thank Karla Guzman-Mims for serving as President in 2020, and we look forward to continuing working with her as a continuing member of the board.

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2020 Vice President: Jenifer Schneider

**“If you grow up in a household where there are books, where you are read to, where parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins read for their own pleasure, naturally you learn to read. If no one close to you takes joy in reading, where is the evidence that it's worth the effort?”**

**–Carl Sagan**



## FAMILY LITERACY DAY

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The Hillsborough Literacy Council staff was called to be the representative organization for adult literacy at the first Family Literacy Day of the Oaks at Riverview Community, which is an affordable housing complex from the Tampa Housing Authority.

On Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup>, over 70 adults and children of the community were in attendance and participated in the event, which included a reading from a local author and literacy games for the whole family. Book donations from Friends of the Library and the library bookmobile rounded out the successful inaugural event.

A big thanks to community organizer Debra Brown for the invitation and warm welcome. What a way to round out the year! We feel positively about welcoming more students, more volunteers, and more community engagement coming up in 2020 for HLC.



Debra Brown, organizer of Family Literacy Day, with Melissa Nye, Literacy Assistant for HLC



## NEW CONVERSATION CORNERS IN SPRING

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Conversation Corners are scheduled for the winter/spring of 2020. We will be hosting 11 locations, which is an increase of 4 over last year. We are also happy to have a wide dispersal of locations throughout the county, from SouthShore Regional Library to New Tampa Regional Library; and from Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library to Town 'N Country Regional Public Library. For a complete list of locations, please look at our [web page](#).

Conversation Corners begin the week of January 12, 2020.



## CITIZENSHIP CLASSES CONTINUE

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In 2019, The HLC launched a series of Citizenship classes at the Town 'N Country Regional Public Library, in conjunction with the Hispanic Services Council. We are pleased to announce that we will be continuing to offer Citizenship Classes through 2020 in conjunction with CARIBE.

Courses are free and run for 12 weeks. The first session will be at the Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library, starting in January.

# Crossword

## Long Vowel Sounds - I

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