

LITBITS

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Message from the Literacy Department

Well, it’s been a crazy spring and summer for all of us. Library services, and so most of the operations of the Hillsborough Literacy Council, have been put on hold for several months now. Unfortunately, at this time, it is still not clear when or how we will be able to resume with our tutoring services as they were, but we are exploring new ways to move forward to the best of our ability.



There is not much news to report in this edition of LitBits for the summer of 2020, but we do want to encourage everyone to stay safe and healthy as we all try to combat this pandemic. We look forward to working with all of our students and tutors again, and we will! We will get back up and dust ourselves off to start moving forward bit by bit until we have reimagined our business model and service delivery methods. Until then, stay safe and healthy!

Annual Student/Tutor Appreciation Event

The Hillsborough Literacy Council will be hosting a virtual version of its annual Student/Tutor Appreciation Event on September 26, 2020 from 10 a.m to 11:30 a.m.. We will still have many of the moments that makes out annual event so special. We will have our wonderful Master of Ceremonies, Rod Carter, return to help us out, as well as an interesting guest speaker. Furthermore, we will release *Visions*, our annual publication, for the year 2020 as well as have some readings from students.

For more information, visit: <https://hillsboroughliteracy.org/annual-assembly-2020/>

If you are a student who is interested in reading please email adulthoodliteracy@hillsboroughcounty.org.

It’s Not Too Late to Submit to Visions!

If you are a student who would like to submit an original writing for inclusion in Visions 2020, please send your work to adulthoodliteracy@hillsboroughcounty.org.

If you are a tutor who is in contact with your learner, please ask them to submit.

Tutor Quotes

"We've not had sessions but student has been reviewing materials he has taped as we proceeded through the Laubach series as well as the Dolch lists of most-encountered words."

- Tutor Pat

"We have been texting several times a week and talking on the phone once a week, so that is helping her keep her skills up."

- Tutor Janet

"We are focusing on grammar and punctuation, as well as spelling. She is also reading *The Dream Keeper*, and I ask her to write a short paragraph about her observations. Because of her job, she has been in very stressful situations lately, and it is beginning to impact her ability to focus on the lessons... his month we focused on adjectives and adverbs, using the poem structure of Cinquains"

- Tutor June

Emergency Services Activation

There has been quite a lot of action with library employees, even as the library branches remain closed! Library Staff, including those who work with the HLC, have been activated to work with other departments and in other capacities during the COVID-19 emergency. Literacy Department Assistant, Melissa Nye worked at a Covid testing site with staff from Town 'N Country, Robert W. Saunders, Maureen Gauzza Libraries, and more. Her duties and procedures included ushering people into the testing site, making notations to assist nursing staff, directing traffic between the various tents, and helping out with inventory of personal protection equipment. It was an unforgettable experience, and she was happy to meet library workers from so many branches. They remember volunteers and students fondly, and are eager to all meet again.



Literacy Department Liaison, Eric Hughes has been managing the county's medical supply warehouse during this time. Here he is pictured unloading a mac truck that delivered face masks. He also works with several other employees from the Hillsborough County Public Library System.

Student Achievements

- 11 reported meaningful conversations in community, at the doctor's office or hospital, or at work
- 1 discussed a job interview with tutor
- 3 reported that speaking English on the phone is easier
- 3 read to a child
- 6 read for pleasure and/or reported that reading in English is easier
- 1 became a citizen

"Not able to meet in person so using mail and going to try telephonic tutor sessions"

- Tutor Debra

"Her 3-year-old is learning so much and G is learning with her and teaching her."

-Tutor Candy

"Actually M. will be sworn in tomorrow but after failing the test the first time, using materials provided by Melissa at the Literacy Program, she passed!!! We are so proud of her!!! " Tutor Candy

Summer Word Search

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

Air Conditioning	Rain Shower	Independence Day	Distance
Yard Work	Long Days	Sunscreen	Flowers
Barbecue	Mask	Heat	Sun
Vacation	Beach		