

Fall 2022

# LITBITS

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## Tutor Quotes

Julia continues to be highly motivated and has expanded her interests in reading for pleasure.

- Tutor Virginia

Yennifer is very dedicated to learning English. She studies outside of our class as well. She is improving since we first started working together.

-Tutor  
Ryan

Josefina shared she went to the movies after ten years! She took her son, and husband, who had never stepped in a theatre, last month. She

## Message from the Literacy Department

Happy Fall everyone! This quarter we welcomed some of our programs back to in-person. September was a busy month for us here at the Hillsborough Literacy Council. We had our Annual Student & Tutor Appreciation Assembly at the lovely Italian Club and we had the Conversation Corners return to select libraries. We also trained seven new tutors. The Hillsborough Literacy Council is diligently working on matching students and tutors.

As you all know our Literacy Librarian, Eric Hughes stepped down as the Literacy Coordinator in August. We are working diligently to recruit and interview to fill vacancies. Once we are back to normal staffing levels the library will return to full level of service.

The Hillsborough Literacy Council continues to serve the needs of adults who need literacy and English language services for free through our public libraries.

## Annual Student & Tutor Appreciation Assembly

We hosted the Student & Tutor Appreciation Assembly at the Italian Club in Ybor City on September 17, 2022. We had approximately a total of 45 guests, this includes the HLC board members and the library staff. This year Eric Hughes, now a board member of the Hillsborough Literacy Council, hosted for us. We welcomed our guest speaker Dr. Janet C. Richards who spoke about literacy. This was a wonderful gathering where we reconnected to celebrate our students and tutors. To watch the video, you can go on our website or click here: [HLC 2022 Annual Assembly](#)

## 2022 Award Winners

- ESOL Students of the Year: Yesenia Giraldo & Flor Guzman
- Tutor of the Year: Sahrain Zahoor
- Sylvia Miller Award: Bill Hunter
- Gradutes: Thais Barrios, Harry Caliz, Virginia Echevarria

## Conversation Corner

reported, though she had no idea what waited for her at the payment booth and concession stand, she was confident she would understand what she was spoken and would be able to reply clearly. And she did! She said she kept looking at her husband and son in amazement, and was so joyful of how far she's come, and how they are becoming part of their community more and more.

- Tutor Zul

Seymour is happy with the progress he is making. He is practicing reading in everyday situations.

-Tutor Karen

In September, Conversation Corners returned to five different library locations. We have a tutor in each of the following locations: Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, Seminole Heights Branch Library, Riverview Public Library, and the SouthShore Regional Library. It was a slow start however as word spread of the Conversation Corners returning to the libraries, we gradually saw the number of participants increase. This is from tutor Joy, she leads the Conversation Corner at the Riverview Public Library, "The very coolest thing about Riverview is that's it's like the United Nations lol. Represented are Ukraine, Dominican Republic, Turkey, Lebanon, Japan, Colombia, India, and Russia. Isn't that wild? Before it was almost all Spanish speakers, so I always had to keep them from translating for each other hahaha. Not now! It's a wonderful cultural exchange for all of us!"

## Student Achievements

- 1 Got a raise or promotion
- 1 Voted in the Primary Election
- 2 Had a job Interview
- 2 Got a job
- 2 Got a Library card
- 8 Were able to read an instructional text in English
- 8 Read to a child, spoke to or corresponded with a teacher in English, spoke with their child/family member in English
- 15 Had a meaningful conversation with someone in the community
- 15 Feels like reading English is easier

## Fall

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8. hike   9. cornstalks   10. autumn   11. literacy

