LITBITS

A NEW YEAR FOR LITERACY

Spring 2018
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New Branch Open!

The new Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library (13619 N. 22nd Street, Tampa, FL 33613-5872) is open! We are hoping to begin providing tutoring and Conversation Corners at this new location. If you have an interest in tutoring at this branch, please inform us at the adultliteracy@hillsboroughcounty.org email, or call 813-273-3650.
In an effort to help facilitate the flow of ideas, we have created the Shared Literacies blog. This blog will discuss topics of concern and interest to HLC tutors, and will provide a space for our community to collaborate. The blog is written by the Literacy Liaison, Eric Hughes and addresses topics that have come to him from various tutors and volunteers. If there is a topic related to tutoring/teaching that you would like to have discussed, you may submit them to the adultliteracy@hillsboroughcounty.org email, or simply respond to a blog post in the comments section. All comments are monitored before becoming public.

Another new resource that is available this year is the shared drive linked to our website.

If you have created any materials that you think were particularly helpful or fun, please send them to us and we will share them with all of the tutors! The Literacy Coordinator will also upload any supporting materials that tutors and volunteers would be interested in. Please make sure that if you submit any materials, you also provide a good explanation on how they are used in the teaching environment. Also, please do not submit any copyrighted materials.

The link for the blog is: http://hillsboroughliteracy.org/tutor-tips/shared-voices-blog/

The link for the shared drive is: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1_TzXf0DdpAzcdwOvYFzIMfE4kPtkU4EW
New Tutor Training

On January 26th, 2018, The Hillsborough Literacy Council, in conjunction with the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative hosted the first New Tutor Training workshop of the year! It took place at the Seminole Heights Branch Library. There were sixteen new tutors in attendance. We look forward to connecting them with waiting students.

If you are a waiting tutor, a list of available student locations and times is available on the shared drive.
Visions

Encourage your student(s) to participate and become a part of Visions, 2018 edition! Every year the Hillsborough Literacy Council publishes Visions, a magazine of essays, stories and poems written by our students. Students write on any topic, and may remain anonymous if they wish. The submissions can be up to one page and will be published without editing, in order to celebrate each student’s stage of learning. Please email stories to AdultLiteracy@hillsboroughcounty.org by June 15.

Springtime Word Search

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

BASEBALL  BLOOM
BLUE       COLORFUL
FRIENDSHIP GREEN
SUNNY      WARM
"I wait all week for Sunday. Because I'm coming to the library and learn more about English Language." - F. Zaben

"I get emotional thinking I am closer to learning English"
- L. Hidalgo- Garcia

"Rocio passed her Citizenship Test with a Perfect Score!"
- Tutor Andonares

"Thank you for this program... you do not know how much I appreciate the opportunity to learn."
- M. Perez

"A wonderful lady named Sue volunteered her time to teach me how to read and write... After a short time I was able to take the written drivers' license exam and passed! Thanks to her dedication and support." - P. Dibbs

"Tutoring is important to me because there are a lot of people out there in this world like me that don't know how to read and write. So I advice people if you need help in writing and reading please get a tutor." - J. Conners

"Miguel passed his electrical helper’s class and is moving into being an electrician!" - Tutor Drumm