

Literacy of Northern NY Newsletter Summer 2016



Our board president is taking a “Leap for Literacy!”

United Way of NNY has a different take on fundraising this year. On Saturday, September 17, people will rappel off the roof of Key Bank in Watertown.

Who are these brave souls? Courageous individuals connected to local United Way agencies who have pledged at least \$1,000 for the privilege of jumping. They need to find sponsors and to help them reach their pledge goals.

For LNNY, board president Cynthia Lonsbary has bravely volunteered to rappel. She is on her way to reaching her goal. All the money raised by Cynthia will go to Literacy of Northern NY.

Let's support Cynthia!

You can find out more by going to Cynthia's First Giving page:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/cynthia-lonsbary/over-the-edge-for-uwnny>

Cream Cheese Festival 2016 – Saturday, September 17, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm.

LNNY is again setting up at table at the Cream Cheese Festival in Lowville. We will have raffle baskets and will sell tickets to raise much needed funds. All proceeds from the basket sales support our literacy programs.

We are looking for volunteers to take shifts or dress up as Cat in the Hat. Please let Deborah know if you can help. You can call the office at 315-782-4270 or email literacyvolunteers@verizon.net

We need math tutors in the Watertown area!

We have a math tutor training scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Let us know if you want to attend and please pass on the information to your friends. Call 315.782.4270 or email literacyvolunteers@verizon.net



Fort Drum ESL Classes

Our ESL classes at Fort Drum's Army Community Services building are going well. New students have signed up throughout the summer and we have several excellent instructors, which helps the program. Thanks go out to instructors Jessica Hulbert (who has been there since the program's inception), Christine Daw, Jennifer Rykert, Jennifer Cave, Monika Hamm, Nancy Rowsam, and Susan Hassett. Susan, a retired ESL teacher and a Lewis County tutor, also volunteers at Fort Drum. Deborah has been going there twice a week to test all the new students.

Scarlet Sharkey, the Relocation Program Manager over at Army Community Services, has been doing a wonderful job organizing the ESL classroom, materials, supplies, volunteers, and all other things related to the ESL classes. Scarlet recently ordered a lot of ESL books for the program, which we deeply appreciate!

Tutors: How much technology do you use during your tutoring sessions?

Let us know, are you using a laptop, smartphone or a tablet? What role does technology play in your tutoring sessions?

St. Lawrence County

Another episode in "The Adventures of Hetti and Hewa"

Tutor, Roland Lauther, took advantage of the good summer weather and held his ESL class outside at the Main St. Square in Canton. After shopping at the Farmer's Market, Roland and his students, Hewa and Hetti, sat down on a bench and chatted. Their grandson, Archana from Ottawa, joined them.

Hewa, Roland, and Hetti



Hetti and Hewa at the Canton Festival



Roland, Hewa, and Hewa's grandson



Deborah's ESL class in Watertown ~ (Front row) Ava, Aaron, Ada, Nodira, (Back row) New tutor Monika Hamm and Ellie.



*George Haag is helping Deborah in her Watertown ESL class. George plans to teach overseas in September.
George, Luda, Ada, & Aaron*

