
The Partners Press

Tompkins Learning Partners, Inc.

Spring/Summer 2009

Dump and Run

Student, Tutor and TLP Friends: Your help is needed!

Your volunteer time will result in funds for TLP!

The more hours volunteers representing TLP can work from now until August, the more funds will go to TLP. This is a great way to make a donation to TLP without having to write a check!

Tompkins Learning Partners is once again a Cornell Dump and Run partner. This means that we will be one of the recipients of funds from the sale of items left behind by Cornell students. But to make this a successful event for all, we need your help once again. Volunteers are needed to sort the goods, move them to Cornell's Helen Newman Gym, and to work the sale itself.

The schedule is as follows:

SORTING will take place from now through late July in a warehouse located on Hall Road, which is at the intersection across from Tree Forms Furniture store on Route 13 (just before NYSEG).

DIRECTIONS (From Downtown Ithaca):

- Go North on Route 13.
- Take a left onto Hall Road.
- At the stop sign - take a left.
- The warehouse is on the right-hand side - the second from the last warehouse on that side of the road. It sits sideways to the road.



The designated times are Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 4:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You simply go to the warehouse and sign in as a TLP volunteer and work. A Cornell staffer will provide direction and answer any questions. Sorting on Saturdays is also a possibility – call TLP to make Saturday arrangements.

MOVING days will be August 19, 20, and 21 (Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday) from 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Volunteers will help at Helen Newman Gym on Credit Farm Drive by unloading trucks/trailers, unpacking boxes and organizing the sales floor.

SALE days are Saturday, August 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers will assist with sales floor activities: handing out price lists, restocking, keeping areas tidy, answering questions, pricing, and cashiering.

Winter and Spring Tutor Training at TLP

The winter and spring tutor training workshops brought together students, tutors, the TLP program coordinators and staff from other community organizations in a number of interactive, hands-on workshops. In our workshops, we try to model how good tutoring is done: relevant, practical, varied and fun.

Tutors had breakthrough moments. In training feedback one tutor told us he learned "the patience needed" to teach reading, while another said she came to "appreciate the difficulty of dealing with a foreign language" for an ESL student.

New Tutors Who Attended Training

Judith Ashton
Anita Bellucci
Tiffany Cheng
Emily Christensen
Janet Frieswyk
Bonnie Hill
Jane Kaplan
Jill Kellner
Allegra Lambert
Marianne Ludwigsen
Angela Menitto
Heather Miller
Larri Richmond
Peter Specker
Betty Spero
Jillian Trottier
Mary Wang
Katie Waxman
Jeff Weiss

Experienced Tutors Who Attended Training

***Those Who Participated as Tutor Trainers**

Lori Abbott
Cheryl Barbasch
Trudy Baum
Pat Brehl
Molly Buck
Mary-Lynn Cummings
Bethany Fuller
Chris George
Maggie Goldsmith
Barb Hatt*
Carol Hockett*
Susan Jaquette
Barbara Kretzmann
Jim Lombardi
Laura McCullough
Julie McIntyre
Wally Powers
Karen Seifert*
Karen Salino*

Samantha Smith
Matt Snyder*
Joanne Sturgeon
Nancy Suci
Bill Tyler
Marian Van Loan*
Pat Wagner*
Jenny Waldron*
Sue Watkins*
Tom Weiler*
Amalia Weinberg
Lola Winter
Jan Zeserson

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- Lifelong
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- Paw Pha, TLP Student
- Sally Wessels, TST-BOCES ESL



Getting 'hands-on' and making puppets at a TLP workshop are (from left) TLP student Ekaterina Borovska, Cornell Southeast Asia Program's Assistant Outreach Coordinator Alicia Irwin, and TLP tutor Barbara Kretzmann.

Come Find Out How Tutoring Can Make a Difference!



Until every adult and youth learns to speak, read, and write in English, there will be a need for Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, and Incarcerated Youth tutors. If you are patient, creative, pragmatic, empathetic, adaptable, enthusiastic, organized, have a sense of humor and are able to commit to ongoing training, come volunteer to be part of their success – and make a difference in the community!

The first step to find out if tutoring adults or incarcerated/residential youth is for you is to attend an orientation designed by the ABE and ESL coordinators to answer your questions and set the stage for successful literacy partnerships.

The next Volunteer Tutor Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration by phone or e-mail is required.

To Your Health and Wealth!

In the news, there has been story after story on America's health-care crisis and on the rampant home foreclosures bringing the economy to its knees. What do these two seemingly dissimilar things have in common? Try this quiz to find out.

Which of the following would you choose as the strongest predictor of an individual's health status, according to the National Patient Safety Foundation?

- A. Age
- B. Income
- C. Literacy skills
- D. Employment status
- E. Racial or ethnic group

According to Frederic Mishkin, member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, what can help an individual make smart pocketbook decisions – like avoiding bad loans, saving and investing – which will, in turn, benefit the economy as a whole?

- A. Getting a third job
- B. Subscribing to Forbes
- C. Literacy skills
- D. A family meeting
- E. Watching The Suze Orman Show

Since you just read this in the TLP newsletter, you likely chose the correct answer to both: **literacy skills.**

Keep an eye out for future tutor training workshops offered by TLP on health literacy and financial literacy.

S C R A B B L E F U N

TLP's 2009 Scrabble for Literacy event was held in early March. Players had a great evening once again, enjoying challenging games, hors d'oeuvres, and a chance to win lots of raffle prizes. This year's winners were the **MUCHO SCRABBLERS.**

TLP owes a big thank-you to event emcee Gary Weissbrot, co-emcee Grace McMenamin, and Scrabble committee members (Laura McCullough and the Board of Directors), for making this event happen.

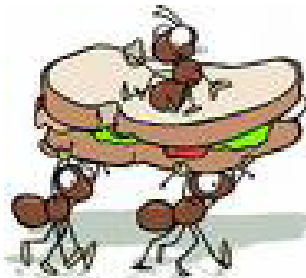


Jennifer Storey and Paul Austin at the Tompkins Trust Co. Table

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TLP's Mission

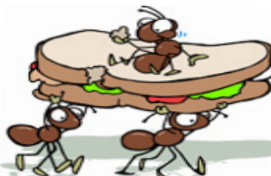
Our mission is to help adults and young people who live or work in Tompkins County meet their personal goals, free of charge, by improving their ability to read, write, and speak English, and to use math and computers. Students achieve these goals by working together with professionally trained and supported volunteer tutors.



Picnic Time!

Sunday, September 13
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars and join us at Stewart Park for our Annual Student and Tutor Celebration event. Weather permitting there will be games on the lawn and Bingo under the shelter. Check through your recipe file and find the one for your favorite dish to pass.

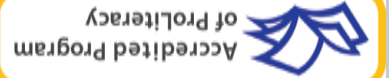


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