

Mission Statement

The mission of the Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council is to provide adults of Marinette and Oconto Counties with programs and services to improve literacy in reading, writing, comprehension, health, speaking English, math, digital skills, and cross-cultural awareness. The power of literacy will enable adults to become self-confident, contributing, members of their community and work force and positively impact their families.

Vision Statement**Our vision for the organization**

Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council actively assist those with a literacy need and remains committed to those we serve and to our organization. Community outreach is ongoing and involves many organizations within Marinette and Oconto counties. The marketing effort is strong and has many available resources at its disposal through grants, fundraising and human resources, such as volunteers.

Our vision for the region

Within the communities, there is an increase awareness of the resources that are available to individuals who are in need of literacy services. Community organizations, together with individuals, have become advocates for those in need of literacy services. The literacy rate continues to improve through the willingness of individuals to accept assistance without fear.



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Tutor Talk

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Vicki Dobratz

Honored at Rural Urban Banquet of Oconto County



On October 16, 2023, Oconto County's Rural Urban Committee honored those individuals who were chosen to receive a Volunteer Award. The criterion for this award is that the person must be at least 70 years old, reside in Oconto County, and have volunteered much of their adult life. Vicki Dobratz certainly met those standards as she volunteers with her husband's Shriner activities, at St Clare Hospital in Oconto Falls since retiring from there, and, also, with Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council. Talk about being busy! Yet, Vicki always has a smile on her face and is willing to help out where needed. She is a part our literacy council's Heath Literacy group and a member of the Literacy's Board of Directors.

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Diane Nichols, Board member, has authored another book: *Peshtigo Fire Survivors, Two Stories based on Real-Life Accounts*. She was also added to the Oconto Falls HS Wall of fame because of her accomplishments.

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Mary Jane & Brenda (tutor)

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALANCY DIPLOMA FOR MARY JANE

The Bowling Alley in Suring on December 14th was the site of a ceremony for a student who received her HSED certificate after working very hard with her tutor.

Brenda Friction gave Mary Jane the frame as a gift so Mary Jane can hang the certificate and show it with pride in her home. They studied hard together, meeting at either Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Religious Ed Night or the Suring Library.

The ceremony was held to celebrate the hard work Brenda & Mary Jane did together, studying, & testing, subject by subject. Mary Jane's family and friends were present to watch as Mary Jane walked down the aisle to the tune of "Pomp & Circumstance" and then was handed the certificate by her tutor, Brenda. Some tears were shed and treats were enjoyed. We are so proud of her!

Essential English and More...



Front: Lilly, Alexandra, Genesis, Cameron, Janet.
Back row: Wilhelma, Lourdes, Arlene

Trade Team USA, the contracting agency providing employees at Fincantieri Marinette Marine, assisted with arranging a class to improve English for interested workers. The class was held for 10 consecutive weeks at NWTC North Coast Marine Training Center in Marinette, where the class was graciously given a room. Although some of the students could not attend weekly, the classes continued. Along with essential English, the class also had fun learning about Trick-or-Treating, Daylight Savings Time and the Green Bay Packers. Other, more serious, topics were covered as well such as world unrest and natural disasters. Instructors were: Janet Glime and Lilly Vang, with help from Cameron, Trade Team USA.

What's the difference between a GED & a HSED?
Both HSED and a GED are competency-based programs. Though both credentials are technically the same, a GED only indicates that you've passed a test, whereas an HSED indicates that you've passed a test and completed some other coursework.



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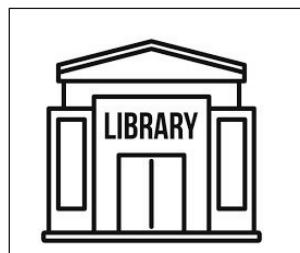


February 13, Tuesday 1:00 P.M.
Literacy Board Meeting at the Coleman City Hall, 202 E. Main Street

March 12, Tuesday 1:00 P.M. Literacy Board Meeting at the Coleman City Hall, 202 E. Main Street

Coming in the spring: Tutor Time out

CONNECTIONS:



Library Support

Coleman Area Library
Crivitz Area Library
Gillett Public Library
Lakes County Public Library
Niagara Public Library
Peshtigo Public Library
Stephenson Public Library, Marinette
Spies Public Library, MI
Suring Area Public Library
Wausaukeee Public Library

TUTORS: If you're looking for an election season resource for adult learners, you can download a free [2024 Voting Guide](#). The plain-language guide from *News for You* explains the who, why, and how of voting. The guide also provides key definitions and offers tips on staying informed and understanding campaign ads and debates.