

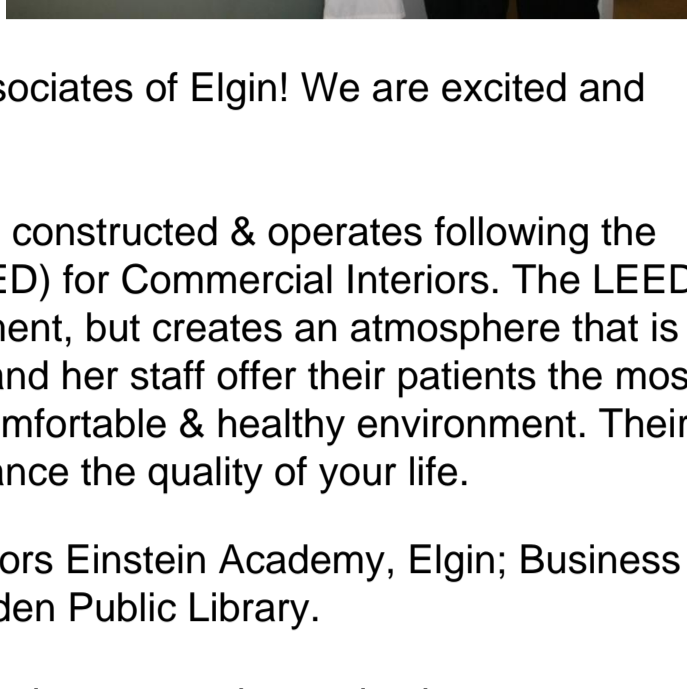
## Tutor Communication

March 26, 2015

Hello from The Literacy Connection!

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### Letters for Literacy



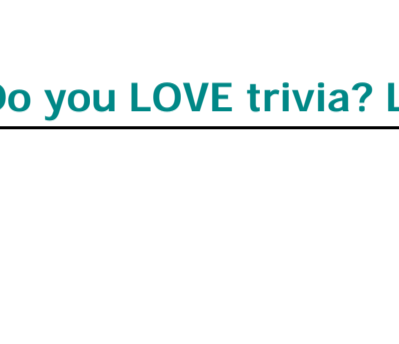
A huge thank you to our latest Letters for Literacy sponsor, Celebrating Smiles - Dr. Felicia Chu & Associates of Elgin! We are excited and grateful for their partnership!

The Celebrating Smiles dental office was designed, constructed & operates following the Leadership in Environmental & Energy Design (LEED) for Commercial Interiors. The LEED certified office is not only important for the environment, but creates an atmosphere that is beneficial to the health of patients & staff. Dr. Chu and her staff offer their patients the most current dental treatment technology in a friendly, comfortable & healthy environment. Their goal is to provide you with dental care that will enhance the quality of your life.

Celebrating Smiles joins Letters for Literacy Sponsors Einstein Academy, Elgin; Business Matters, Elgin; ArtZings of Bartlett and the Gail Borden Public Library.

Letters for Literacy is a fundraising effort that lets businesses and organizations sponsor a letter of their choice from the alphabet. Sponsorships are tax deductible and for one fiscal year. Sponsorship provides financial support for Adult and Family Literacy Programs that help nearly 300 adults each year throughout 16 northwest suburban Chicago communities. To learn more about Letters for Literacy or how to become a sponsor, please visit our [Letters for Literacy tab](#) on our website.

### Trivia Bee Fundraiser 2015 Update

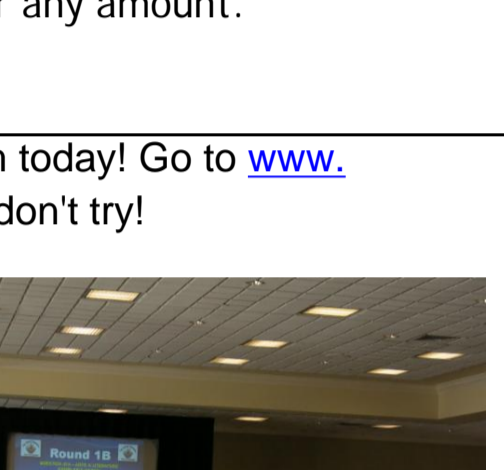


**Trivia Bee Fundraiser**  
**April 18, 2015**

#### 18th Annual Trivia Bee Fundraiser

**April 18, 2015**  
**9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Grand Victoria Casino**  
**250 S. Grove Avenue**  
**Elgin, IL**

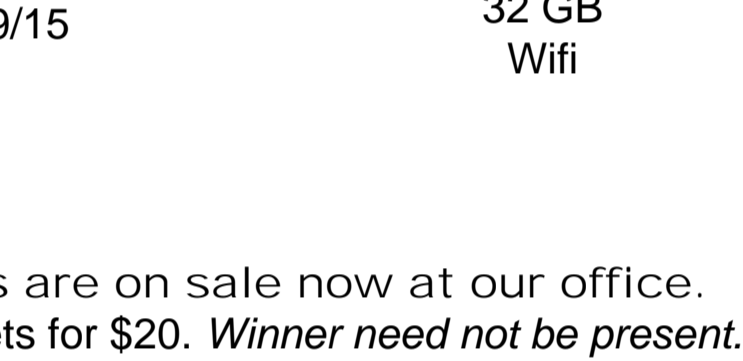
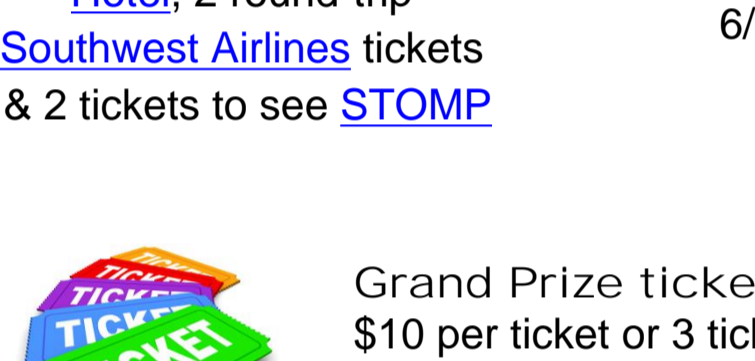
**Do you LOVE trivia? Love a challenge? Don't miss this fun event!**



How can you help?

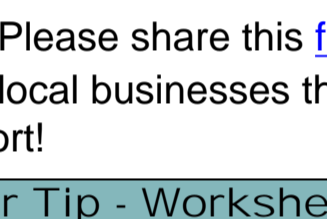
- Get involved by joining the competition and assembling a team of no more than four members! [Registration](#) is \$500 per team.
- Donate gift cards or fine quality gift items for our raffles.
- Purchase \$5 Spectator Tickets on event day to cheer on the teams!
- Make a financial donation to The Literacy Connection -- Check with your employer for a matching gift program. **All team fees and donations are tax deductible.**
- Please share our [event flyer](#). Post at your office, favorite coffee shop, gym, etc.
- Sponsor a team with a donation of \$100, \$250, \$500 or any amount.
- Contribute through [Team Challenge](#).

Seventeen teams have already registered. Sign up your team today! Go to [www.elginliteracy.org/events/trivia-bee-2015](http://www.elginliteracy.org/events/trivia-bee-2015). You won't win if you don't try!



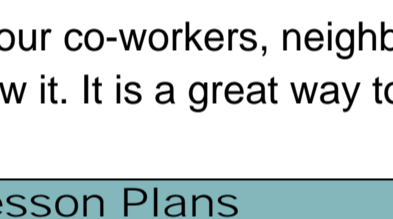
Last year the event packed the room. Be a part of the action at this year's exciting event!

**Get Your Raffle Tickets Today! Great Prizes!**



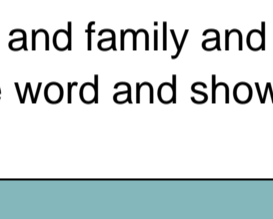
#### 1st Prize

New York City Trip for 2:  
2-night stay at [Affinia Hotel](#), 2 round-trip [Southwest Airlines](#) tickets & 2 tickets to see [STOMP](#)



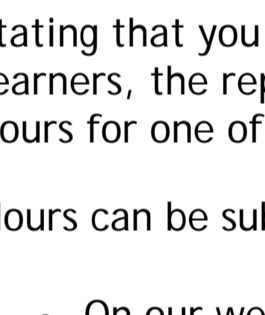
#### 2nd Prize

Two U2 tickets  
United Center  
6/29/15



#### 3rd Prize

Apple iPad Air  
32 GB  
Wifi



Grand Prize tickets are on sale now at our office. \$10 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$20. *Winner need not be present.* Yours could be the winning ticket!

➔ Please share this [flyer](#) with your co-workers, neighbors, friends and family and post at local businesses that will allow it. It is a great way to spread the word and show your support!

### Tutor Tip - Worksheets & Lesson Plans

The following websites provide free printable worksheets, PowerPoints, lesson plans and more on topics including everyday activities, grammar, life skills, civics, and vocabulary: [bogglesworldesl.com](http://bogglesworldesl.com) [www.elcivics.com/](http://www.elcivics.com/)

### Tutor Hours Reminder - Hours due by April 3 for our Quarterly Reports

If you have any outstanding hours, please submit them as soon as possible. Please also notify the office if you have changed tutor location, day or time. If you have already submitted your past hours, thank you for sending them so promptly.

Please remember that if you do not meet with your learner, you should still report stating that you have no hours for the month. Also, if you are tutoring a group of learners, the report should include hours for each of them, even if it only to report zero hours for one of them.

Hours can be submitted:

- On our website [Tutor Hours Report Form](#)
- Emailing [datamanager@elginliteracy.org](mailto:datamanager@elginliteracy.org)
- Calling 847-742-6565
- Calling them to 847-742-6599
- In-person at the office

### Funding Factory & Literacy Connection Rumble

The Literacy Connection has a program called "Rumble" with [FundingFactory](#) and earns incentive points by collecting used inkjet and toner printer cartridges, cell phones, and laptops.

Items received at our office through April 17 will earn Rumble Points. Please see this [list](#) for qualifying items.

### News For You

A great resource tool, [NewsforYouOnline.com](http://NewsforYouOnline.com) offers:

- Audio for news stories that contain captions, so learners can read along and listen or practice pronunciation sentence by sentence
- Interactive online exercises
- Key, defined vocabulary
- Interactive crossword puzzles and word searches

Call 847-742-6565 for username and password access.

### Free Tax Preparation at Gail Borden Library

The Center for Economic Progress will provide free tax preparation to families (more than one person in home) with incomes less than \$50,000 and individuals with incomes less than \$25,000.

<http://www.gailborden.info/library-info/1709-free-tax-preparation>

### On the Road to Literacy Conference 2015



24th Annual Tutor and Adult Learner Conference

Saturday, April 18, 2015  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

UIC Center for Literacy  
1040 W Harrison - Lower Level  
Chicago, IL 60607

Early Registration (before April 10th)  
Tutor & Staff - \$20.00; Learner - \$15.00

Online registrations at [www.ilillinois.org](http://www.ilillinois.org).

### Literacy Connection McHenry County Human Race 5k



Break in those running shoes! The Literacy Connection's McHenry County Human Race 5k is scheduled for April 26, 2015. Registration is open! Go to our [fundraising page](#) for easy registration or to donate. Bring a friend! Not a runner? Walkers are welcome. Let's hope for beautiful weather! Select "[Register for this Event](#)" to ensure that the Literacy Connection is your charity. A percentage of your registration fee goes directly toward our programs. Thank you for your support in helping us reach our goal!

### Quick Links

**Shop at AmazonSmile**  
and Amazon will make a donation to:  
Literacy Connection

[Get started](#)

**amazon smile**

**goodshop**

Connection as your charity and [Goodshop.com](#) will donate a percentage of your purchase toward funding our programs.

[Visit our website](#)

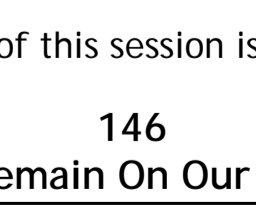
Have a general question?  
[Email The Literacy Connection](#)

Have a question about your learner?  
[Contact Jody](#)

Can you share our Tutor Training Schedule?  
[Email Carolyn](#)

Share a helpful website or tutoring tip with other tutors!  
[Email Tutor Tools](#)

[Visit ProLiteracy Website](#)



View our [FY14 Annual Report](#) and our [Annual Appeal Letter](#)

### Tutor Training Dates

#### Share Your Love for Tutoring

Tell a friend, family member, neighbor or work colleague about becoming a tutor.

Please share our Tutor Training dates. Pass it out to your co-workers, friends, neighbors, your favorite coffee shop, etc. We need more good people like you!

#### Tutor Training Schedule 2015

\*Thursday, April 30; Monday, May 5;  
Thursday, May 7 & Monday, May 11  
5:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.  
Gail Borden Public Library  
270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin

\*Monday, July 20 and Monday, July 27  
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Gail Borden Public Library  
270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin

\*The first hour of this session is an orientation.

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**Adults Remain On Our Wait List**

Sincerely,