

## Tutor Communication

April 23, 2015

Greetings!

Greetings from The Literacy Connection!

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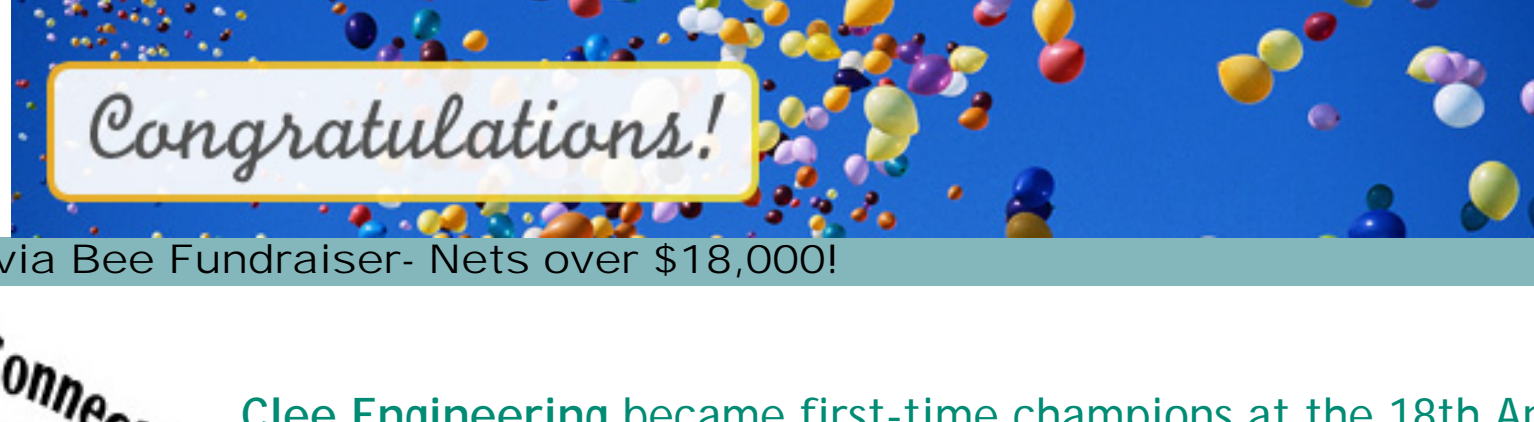
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**Trivia Bee Fundraiser**  
**April 18, 2015**

Clee Engineering became first-time champions at the 18th Annual Trivia Bee. Twenty-two teams competed on Saturday, April 18, 2015 in The Literacy Connection's 18th Annual Trivia Bee Fundraiser.



1st Place Clee Engineering  
(Left to right: Board President, Chris Awe; Wendy Molof; Bud Wilson; Sue McCracken; Steve McCracken; and Karen Oswald; Executive Director)



2nd place Quartet of Doom  
(Left to right: Executive Director, Karen Oswald; Walt Kilmanas, Board President Chris Awe; Christopher Denault; Mike O'Brien, Mike Seiler)



3rd place Bee Team  
(Left to right: Board President Chris Awe; Steve Smith; Maggie Margeson; Ged Trias; Lane Hiland and Executive Director, Karen Oswald)

First through third place team members received individual trophies and gift cards.



Congratulations to the Grand Prize Raffle Winners!

**First Prize Winner:** Sue Humbracht  
NYC trip for two: two round-trip Southwest Airlines tickets, a 2-night stay at Affinia Hotel and tickets to see STOMP

**Second Prize Winner:** Nora Dolensky  
U2 Concert Tickets

**Third Prize Winners:** Howard and Kerrie Russo  
Apple iPad Air



A "Fund-A-Need" campaign seeks donations for a testing laptop, office supplies and testing materials. \$746 was raised at the event for Fund-A-Need and donations are still being accepted [here](#).

The Team Challenge campaign raised \$450. The Elgin Mental Health Center, Community Crisis Center and Gail Borden Public Library teams raised the most money.

### Literacy Connection Trivia Bee 2015 - Top 15 Teams

Clee Engineering	Community Crisis Center
Quartet of Doom	Altrusa Club of Elgin IL
Bee Team	Courier-News
Elgin Community College	Gail Borden Public Library
High Hopes	Team Christenson
Elgin Noon Kiwanis	Densa
Team ECCFA	Rotary Club of Elgin
The Fab Four	

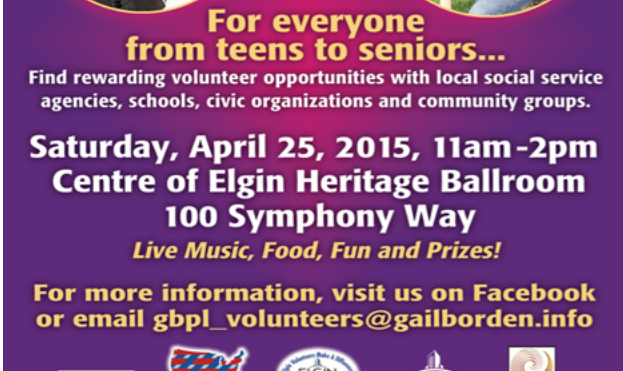


Thank you to all the businesses, organizations, and individuals who supported this event!



Read more about the event in the [Daily Herald](#) and the [Courier-News](#). Also, please visit our [website](#) for more details.

### VolunteerPaloosa - Volunteer Help Needed!



**Calling all Volunteers!!**  
Help is needed at our booth for this event. Please email [Carolyn](#) if you are available to help from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. this Saturday, April 25.

### Run for The Literacy Connection's Human Race This Sunday!



Join us! Run or walk while raising funds for our programs. The Literacy Connection's McHenry County Human Race 5k is scheduled for this **Sunday, April 26, 2015**. Go to our [fundraising page](#) for easy registration or to donate. Bring a friend! Not a runner? Walkers are welcome. 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! Race Day registration is available but make sure you select The Literacy Connection as your charity when you sign up. Bring a friend!

### Tutor Tip- Tutor Teaching Tools

#### White Boards

It's engaging and fun to use white boards with dry erase markers when working with your students. You can find them at the Dollar Store for \$1!

Use it for vocabulary development, spelling, sentence structure, and dictation. Games are great too: *Hangman*, *Pictionary* and whatever your creative minds come up with.

Have any great teaching ideas? Email your ideas to [Jody](#) so we can share with other tutors.

### USCIS Teacher Training Opportunity

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Office of Citizenship is pleased to announce a new training seminar opportunity.

The full-day training seminar will be held on **May 7, 2015** at:

USCIS Chicago District Office  
101 W. Congress Parkway  
Room 5703  
Chicago, IL 60605

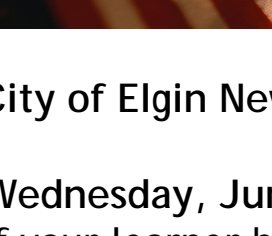
Please see the attached [flier](#) for full event details.

This full-day seminar provides information on the naturalization process and effective citizenship instruction, and focuses on the English component of the test.

Participants will have the opportunity to speak with local USCIS representatives, and receive free educational resources.

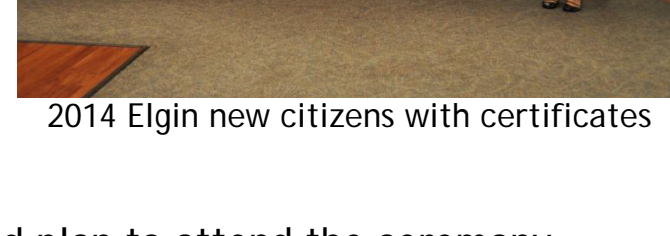
USCIS recommends that interested participants register early for this FREE training as space is limited. Click [here](#) for online registration. The deadline to register is **April 30, 2015**.

### Save the Date - New Citizen Recognition Ceremony



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City of Elgin New Citizen Recognition Ceremony

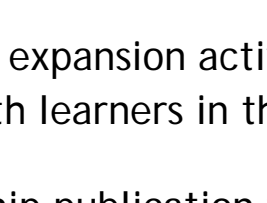


2014 Elgin new citizens with certificates

Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 7 p.m. at the Center of Elgin

If your learner has become a U.S. Citizen in the past year, please notify the office and plan to attend the ceremony.

### ProLiteracy Publications & Resources



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The [Winter issue of ProLiteracy's Notebook](#), including expansion activity materials, are available online. *Notebook* is a publication for adult literacy instructors who work with learners in the United States.

The [Spring 2015 edition of Voices](#), ProLiteracy's flagship publication for members, supporters, and friends is available.

### Tutor Training Schedule

#### Share Your Love for Tutoring

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

Please share our Tutor Training [flyer](#).

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

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**Adults Remain On Our Wait List**

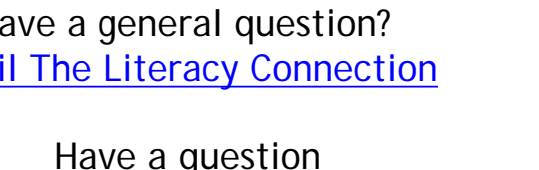
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**Shop at AmazonSmile**  
and Amazon will make a donation to:

Literacy Connection



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Select The Literacy 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!

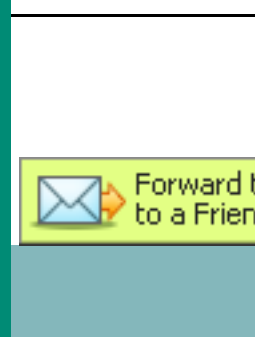
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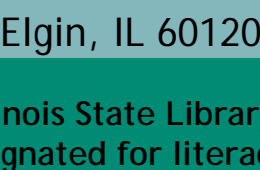


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