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## Tutor Communication October 22, 2015

Greetings!

On Monday, October 19, The Literacy Connection reduced its office hours and its staff's pay by 30% to conserve remaining funds.

Due to the Illinois state budget crisis, we have not received contracts from the Illinois State Library Literacy Office for any of the \$136,260 in grants received in FY2015.

### **Office hours, until further notice**

Monday-Thursday 9-3

Closed Friday

We have also cancelled the November Tutor Training and our Family Literacy Programs.

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### **Help Wanted!**

**Do you or someone you know have social media skills?** We are looking for someone to donate their time and help us a couple of hours per week. Please contact [Bridget](#) if you or someone you know is willing to help.

### **The Citizenship Conversation Group**

The Citizenship Conversation Group at the Gail Borden Public Library is now up and

running for this fiscal year. We are looking for volunteer tutors to run the group through the end of the calendar year. Please let [Marsha](#) know if you are available for any of these dates, November 5th, November 19th, December 3rd or December 17th.

### **Dundee Library Conversation Group**

The Dundee Library will be hosting an English Conversation Group starting in January 2016. We are looking for tutors interested in being the group leader on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email [Jody](#).

**Elgin Human Services Organizations** are joining forces to educate the public about the impact of the Illinois budget crisis **on residents**.

This is how you can help:

- Join a volunteer Literacy Connection Advocacy Task Force to promote literacy and help raise funds for the organization during this funding crisis. Social Media skills are helpful, but not required.
- Watch the YWCA-Elgin's #ImAffected video on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgYwQRA9wGg>
- Visit <http://bit.ly/ImAffectedPledge> to sign the #ImAffected pledge
- Contribute to The Literacy Connection at [donate.elginliteracy.org](http://donate.elginliteracy.org)

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## **APC Conference Certificate Request**



If you attended the Area Planning Council's Fall Conference on September 12th at ECC, please fax, mail or drop-off a copy of any certificates that you were given at the end of the day. We need copies of the certificates so that we can give you credit for your time and for record-keeping purposes. If you have already turned in your certificates to us, thank you very much.

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## **Tutor Tip**

### **"To" vs. "For"**

#### 1) When to use "to"

Use "to" when there is some kind of transfer happening or something is being moved from one place to another. "To" expresses direction.

Here are a few examples:

- \* "We went from the restaurant to the party."
- \* "Talk to your teacher and get more information about the exam."
- \* "I go to the office every morning at 9am."
- \* "He sold his car to me for \$5,000."

#### 2) When to use "for"

- 1) Use "for" when something is being done to benefit something or someone else.
- 2) Use "for" when you are trying to express purpose or the reason that something is

happening.

Here are a few examples:

- \* "I bought this gift for you."
- \* "He runs for his health."
- \* "Bring this tea upstairs for your grandmother."
- \* "Buckle up for safety."

3) Now compare both

Example 1:

"My friend brought lunch to me." (My friend physically carried the lunch and delivered it to me)

**versus**

"My friend brought lunch for me." (My friend paid for my lunch because he wanted to do something nice for me)

Example 2:

"I made a quick phone call to my mom." (I called with the intention of speaking with my mom)

**versus**

"I made a quick phone call for my mom." (My mom wasn't able to make the call so I made the call for her)

4) Now take a quiz!

**Mary:** Thanks for helping me move into my new apartment, Mike!

**Mike:** Oh you are welcome, it'll be much easier \_\_\_1\_\_\_ you if I help.

**Mary:** Are any of your friends going to come and help also?

**Mike:** Yeah, I think Jason is going to come. He'll bring the moving van \_\_\_2\_\_\_ your house on Saturday morning at 9am so we can get started.

**Mary:** Oh great. I want to cook some lunch \_\_\_3\_\_\_ you guys. What do you like?

**Mike:** Why don't we just take a lunch break and head down \_\_\_4\_\_\_ my favorite Japanese restaurant? It's right next to your new apartment.

**Mary:** That sounds like a great way to break up the day and to get some more energy \_\_\_5\_\_\_ the rest of the afternoon.

**Mike:** Perfect! Then I will see you on Saturday around 10am.

**Mary:** Great, see you then.

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## Up-Coming Conferences

### Read to learn Annual Literacy Volunteer Conference

Saturday, November 7, 2015

8:30 a.m. - Noon

Forest View Educational Center

2121 South Goebbert Road

Arlington Hts., IL 60005

**Keynote Presenter** Erin Vobornik, ESL Supervisor at ECC

Creating Lesson Plans Incorporating TED-Ed Videos

**Workshop 1** - Presenter Theodore Boffman, Professor Emerita

Creating a Culturally Sensitive Learning Environment

**Workshop 2** - Presenter Jeanine Ntahirageza, PhD, Associate Professor and Department Chair, TESOL Program, Northeastern Illinois University

Multisensory Approach to Teaching Pronunciation

**Book Club Presentation** - Presenter Marlene Delaney

How to Start a Book Club With Your Students

[Register](#)

### **The New Readers For New Life of Illinois 18th Annual State Conference**

Saturday, November 21, 2015

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

University of Illinois at Chicago Center for Literacy

1040 West Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois

A unique event, the New Readers for New Life of Illinois is specially planned and conducted by present and past adult learners. In addition to students, program staff, volunteer tutors, adult education teachers and students' spouses are regular attendees. Home Bases for students, staff, tutors and spouses are also conducted. This conference is modeled after the past successful National Adult Literacy Congress.

For additional information, [click here](#).

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

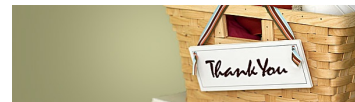
**Elgin Fire Department** achievement gives Elgin property owners leverage in lowering insurance rates - read more [here](#).



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### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

To everyone who has donated to us over the last couple of months, be it your time in the office, your tutoring a learner or via your financial support! Our staff is very appreciative of everything you do for us.



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**Adults remain on our wait list.**

Sincerely,



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