

THE BRIDGE

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Welcome to the Autumn 2009 edition of "The Bridge." The Literacy Council has been busy preparing for the year ahead and matching new students and tutors. This year there will be many exciting new opportunities for the Literacy Council to expand its role in the community. Besides offering tutors for new students and teaching ESL classes at Stemilt fruit processing plant twice a week, we are exploring other avenues to bring literacy to more people. What we have accomplished thus far, and all of the exciting projects we have planned would not be possible without the help of our volunteers. From board members to collaborators to contributors and volunteers, we are grateful to the selfless volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to improve the quality of life for our students. Thank you.

September Tutor Training

Our tutor training was a great success this year. Nineteen new volunteer tutors attended, nine of whom are Intermountain AmeriCorps volunteers. Numerous other community members attended as well, some of whom had previous teaching experience, and some of whom are beginning educators.

The purpose of the new tutor training was to prepare new volunteers with sufficient background knowledge to feel comfortable tutoring students one-on-one, in small groups, or

in classroom settings.

Our guest trainer, Jennifer Malloy, with Literacy Now (A division of Tacoma Community

students learn language by physically moving to commands given in their second language.



New AmeriCorps volunteers at the tutor training. Pictured from left: Emily Kelnhoffer, Mark Reppi, Wyatt Duea, and Veronica Shapiro.

House) introduced a variety of ESL teaching approaches, including TPR (Total Physical Response), in which stu-

Many of our new tutors are already paired up with ESL students, while some still await to put their new tutoring skills into action.

If you or anyone you know is interested in tutoring, we will be holding another tutor training in mid-January.

Please feel free to contact the Literacy Council office if you have any questions at 682-6967 or 682-6966.

“PROPERLY, WE SHOULD READ FOR POWER. MAN READING SHOULD BE MAN INTENSELY ALIVE. THE BOOK SHOULD BE A BALL OF LIGHT IN ONE'S HAND.”

EZRA POUND (1885 - 1972)

Tutor of the Month: Edgar Enriquez

Edgar was one of the new faces at our September tutor training, and is a very valuable new addition to the Literacy Council's volunteers. Edgar moved to Wenatchee from Los Angeles, California, a year ago. Some of his favorite things to do in Wenatchee are hiking nature trails, drawing and the arts, and listening to music.

Since he is fluent in both Spanish and English, Edgar is tutoring seven Spanish speakers who are beginning level English speakers. One thing he enjoys about tutoring is getting to know new people

from other cultures and learning about their viewpoints. He will lead English classes until the end of the school year this spring.

Edgar is not only a volunteer tutor for the Literacy Council, he's also a full-time volunteer with Intermountain AmeriCorps and Head Start.

As an AmeriCorps-Washington Reading Corps member, he has been specially trained to help



Edgar Enriquez and Wyatt Duea (left) getting some dinner at the September ESL tutor training.

young children with literacy. His typical day at Head Start involves teaching young children with *creative curriculum*, a method of teaching while playing and helping children to build social skills.

Next time you see Edgar in the community, make sure to introduce yourself to him and say “hello.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, November 6th	5:30– 7:00 PM: Tutor swap night at the Literacy Council. Tutors: Share your most useful/entertaining ESL material with other tutors! A light dinner will be provided.
Tuesday, November 10th	6:00– 8:00 PM: Community Center Open House. Please come in and ask questions, present comments, or feel free to browse our ESL resources.
Saturday, December 5th	12:30– 4:30 PM: Community Center Veterans' Hall: Tutor Training on how to tutor different ESL levels within the same classroom.
January 22nd and 23rd	Tentative dates for new ESL tutor training (Mandatory for new tutors).

Wanted: Volunteer Tutors

This year our goal is to recruit 40 new tutors; and to help meet this goal, we are currently recruiting for our next ESL tutor training which will be held in mid-January. If you or anybody you know is interested in tutoring, please contact Louise Verellen at (509) 682-6966.

Did you know...?

20.9% of the population in Wenatchee (ages 5+) speak a language other than English at home.

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