

PCLC February 2024 Newsletter

A Lovely February

January was a time for new beginnings and the welcoming of a new year and the fresh start of making new memories. As we enter into the month of love, we hope that you were all able to transition back into the scheduled lessons and meetings smoothly and catch up with your learners. With the snow melting and the weather getting warmer, make sure to find some time to go outside and enjoy this lovely February.

Please Enter Your Tutoring Prep/Class Hours

Please enter your prep hours and tutoring hours in the <u>Monthly Tutor Report form</u>. If you were unable to meet with your learner, simply enter "0" hours in the form.

Featured Resources

Recorded ELL Tutor Trainings

Improved recordings include timestamped chapters so tutors can jump to specific topics in the training.

How to Teach Digital Literacy

This 60-minute course will explain the best practices for teaching digital skills to adults. Concrete examples will be used to illustrate each best practice. Participants will have the opportunity to apply their understanding of the best practices by watching a video and/or role playing

Wisconsin Literacy Winter Conference

Are you interested in learning more about the topics listed below? If so, register for the Wisconsin Literacy Winter Conference running from February 12th - 15th. These are virtual sessions that you can do in the comfort of your own learning space! Feel free to register with this <u>link</u>.

- Best Practices in Tutor Recruitment and Training
- Effective Strategies for Beginning English Language Learners
- Integrating the Refugee Community Education Video Library into Curriculum
- Soft Skills Instruction and Progress Tracking (with Pace Learning)
- Building Employer and Community Relationships for Workplace Literacy
- Using the new Workplace Reports with TABE Online
- Exploring the ReadLife Bookshelf from the Barbara Bush Foundation

Perspectives on Racial Equity.

February is also Black History Month, provided here is a <u>link</u> to a video part of PBS Wisconsin's "Wisconsin in Black & White" series, looking at the history of racial disparities in our state's criminal justice system – and initiatives underway to move towards equity. This series was created in partnership with the Nehemiah Center for Urban Leadership Development.

Greetings from the intern!

Hello, my name is Caryleen Yang and I am the new intern for the Portage County Literacy Council! As the intern, I will be helping assist classes and writing the monthly newsletters. A little about myself is that I am a student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point majoring in International studies with a minor in Biology. I am from Milwaukee and I love animals! I am super excited to start and I cannot wait to meet everyone!

-Caryleen Yang



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