



PCLC December 2024 Newsletter



A Jolly December



November was a month filled with thankfulness, food, and everlasting memories with our loved ones. As we reminisce about the sweet moments of November, let's welcome December and its anticipated festivities! We hope you and your learners have a fantastic holiday and enjoy the frosty snow to come! As always, remember to check out the featured resources below to find out some amazing activities coming up and have a jolly december!

-Caryleen

Please Enter Your Tutoring Prep/Class Hours

Note that there have been a few changes to the Monthly Tutor Report form. We've moved to dropdown menus. Please round up to the nearest time listed. Your feedback would be appreciated, let us know how you like the changes.

[Monthly Tutor Report form.](#)

Stevens Point Literacy Events

Do you have children who love space? Well, the University of Wisconsin -Stevens Point is hosting a planetarium show on December 13th about a curious little mole, Plato, who will introduce young children to the fascinating world of Astronomy! To learn more about this fun event, check out the link here: [Moles, What is Out There?](#)

Invitation to contribute to life changing well project:

This is an amazing project coordinated by the Gojar family to help bring water to the village of where Muhammad Gojar grew up in Afghanistan. It is an inspiring and touching project that will help change the lives of many. If you are interested in helping, you can do so by sharing this opportunity or donating towards the project. For more information, check out the [link here.](#)

Wisconsin Literacy Events: Click a link to register

[Wednesday, December 11 \(9:00 am - 10:00 am\): How to Teach Digital Literacy](#) - This 60-minute course explains best practices for teaching digital skills to adults. Concrete examples are used to illustrate each best practice. You'll apply your understanding by watching a filmed lesson.

[Tuesday, December 17 \(9:00 am - 10:30 am\): Zoom Skills and Strategies](#) - Do you want to feel more comfortable and confident hosting Zoom meetings? This 90-minute course will give you an opportunity to ask questions and practice basic Zoom skills (screen share, chat box, minimize/maximize Zoom) as well as some advanced skills (whiteboard, annotation, video sharing).

[Wednesdays, January 8 & 15 \(12:30 pm - 3:00 pm\): Teaching ELL to Emerging Readers](#) - This is a two part series that will explore what an emerging reader is, structures and approaches to teaching ELL, helping build oral skills, and teaching reading and writing.



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Literacy Minnesota Webinars: Click a link to register

[Wednesday, December 4 \(6:30pm - 8:30pm\): Working with Literacy and Beginning Level English Language Learners](#) - Learners with limited English and literacy skills have unique needs for in-person and remote instruction. Participants will learn best practices and tips for success at this level. They'll also get several ideas for routines, activities and resources to use in their classes and tutoring sessions.

[Tuesday, December 10 \(1:00pm - 3:00pm\): Comprehension Strategies for Intermediate Level Readers](#) - Research shows that explicitly teaching a set of comprehension strategies is a great way to help intermediate-level readers maximize their understanding of texts. Come learn a handful of great comprehension tools that will help students develop critical thinking skills and comprehension skills.

[Friday, December 13 \(8:30am - 2:45pm\): 2024 VIRTUAL Literacy Volunteer Management Conference](#) - The Volunteer Management Conference (VMC) is a one-day professional development opportunity that brings together Adult Basic Education staff who work with volunteers: coordinators, teachers and managers alike. This year, the conference will be virtual, on Zoom.

[Monday, December 16 \(1:00pm - 3:00pm\): Racial Equity 201 Presented by Jimmie Heags](#) - This class will define and explore the origins of the white supremacy class and caste systems in the United States and the racial trauma caused as a result of these systems. The session will provide learners with a mental model for understanding and disrupting white supremacy classism and its impact on mental health. Participants will be introduced to mindfulness activities discussed in Resmaa Menakem's book *My Grandmother's Hands* for processing internalized racial embodied reflexes and trauma.

[Monday, December 16 \(6:30pm - 8:30pm\): Developing and Practicing Reading Fluency](#) - Come and review the important role of fluency in reading instruction. We will discuss the three key components of reading fluency and look at a variety of activities tutors and teachers can try. We will talk about the mechanics of doing fluency practice via Zoom, Google Meet, Teams or any other remote tutoring tool (including the phone!)

Northstar Webinar: Click link to register

[Monday, December 9 \(2:00 pm -3:30pm\)](#): Northstar Digital Literacy Webinar: Getting started with Northstar

Online trainings available anytime

[Click for Subject List](#)

My sincere thanks for your time and commitment to your learners
Joe Schauer- Director

Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, ideas, opportunities, or requests.

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