



MID-VALLEY LITERACY CENTER

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Volunteer Tutor Training

September 22nd
January (TBD)

Register or request more information at 503-463-1488

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Hits and Giggles Golf Tournament, November 2nd

Calling all Golfers! We are hosting a Golf Tournament on Friday, November 2nd at Creekside Golf Club. Gather your friends to make a 4-person team or attend by yourself. We will provide a box lunch, shared cart, goodie bag, and appetizers during awards. Prizes will be awarded to team low gross and net, and on-course skill challenges. Buy raffle tickets, mulligans and team string, and pay fees to advance to Pro Drive locations in the fairway!



Creekside Golf Club

Register on our website or in person at the MVLC. Contact Eva Corbin at 503-881-7588 with questions.

Student Successes

Fall means a new year for students and for some a new beginning. We would like to share with you some of the achievements of our students.

This year 5 students achieved **U.S. Citizenship**. Our tutors helped them practice answering 100 Civics questions to prepare them for the Naturalization Interview.

Many students are here to improve their skills in order to gain **employment** or find a better job. This year, two students reported they found a job and two students were able to start a better job after attending class.

Earning a **GED®** takes hard work and perseverance. We have classes four days a week in each of the four

subjects. Some of our students attend every day because they are determined to achieve their goal. Nine students passed the practice tests and are ready to take the official GED® test. This year one student earned their GED®. Congrats Derek!

English Language Learners attend **ESOL** class at their level. After each term, we test their language ability to show progress. This year 93% of our students improved their ESL skills.

Congratulations to all of our adult students who make learning a priority despite their many work, family, and life responsibilities and thank you to the tutors who encourage them.

MORE WAYS TO HELP

Fred Meyer

Every time you shop and use your rewards card, you are helping us earn a donation. Go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and log into (or create) your Fred Meyer account. Register your rewards card with the MVLC. Our organization number is DC736.

Amazon Smile

Shop for your favorite products and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to us! Go to www.smile.amazon.com and log in. Follow the prompt to search for Mid-Valley Literacy Center and select us as your charity.

Office Depot/Max

Shop at Office Depot and donate 5% of your qualifying purchases to us. Tell the cashier our name at checkout and we will receive 5% back in credits.

Give with Confidence at
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New Site at Cornerstone Apartments

Community Resource Trust and Mountain West Investment Corporation (among others) have come together to build the Cornerstone Apartments, a 180 unit affordable housing development in Salem on Portland Road. They are reserved for residents earning up to 60% of the area median income. Residents will have access to a variety

of on-site services, including classes taught by our volunteer tutors. We were fortunate to donate ten computers for their computer lab. Our classes will begin early next year and include ESOL, GED®, and Citizenship Preparation. Providing classes on-site will improve attendance and subsequently improve learning. We

will need several additional volunteers. Please contact us if you would like to be a tutor at this new off-site location. Visit www.cornerstoneapartments.org for more information.



Volunteer Perspective, Linda Kaufmann



As a young adult, I lived and worked in Central America for 6 years and had the opportunity to see community literacy brigades first hand. From then on, I was hooked. For 15 years, I was the Literacy

Specialist in Polk County for Chemeketa CC. When I retired, it seemed a natural fit for me to come back to literacy and continue this important work. MVLC fills a unique niche in the community. As I am learning more about its role, it is surprising to me to see the many various projects that the MVLC is involved in and the impact those

projects have. From the workplace to churches to apartment complexes to agencies, the Center has worked diligently to create community partnerships to further the goal of literacy for all in the community. It is gratifying to be a small part of that effort there ready and eager to help. The depth of the volunteering spirit in Salem is awe-inspiring!

ESOL Classes at Sparrow Furniture



Sparrow Furniture is our newest off-site tutoring location in Salem. They are a non-profit that helps refugees

overcome barriers to employment by providing them with the opportunity for paid training in furniture repair and restoration. They also provide English classes with our trained volunteer tutors. As you can see from the picture on the left, this is not your

typical English class! Students are able to practice workplace vocabulary using tools and materials for their job. Please support this great organization!

For more information, visit them at 1264 Broadway St. NE and www.sparrowfurniture.org.