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December News

2016

Success Stories



Rosa Rodriguez (pictured left) received her GED certificate in November. The new GED exams are much more rigorous and computer based which meant that students needed to learn computer skills as well as the four subject areas. Our volunteers provided encouragement and tutoring to prepare her for the exams. Congrats Rosa!

Maria Gonzalez (pictured right) became a U.S. citizen in November. She memorized 100 U.S. history and civics questions and spent many hours learning the legal terminology to understand the 20 page citizenship application. Her tutors gave her the confidence she needed to pass the Citizenship test and interview. Her advice to other students is to believe in themselves. Congrats Maria!



Focus on ESL

The need for ESL classes is growing in our community and the MVLC is up to the challenge. Salem has welcomed 100 refugees this year and many of them are receiving ESL classes by our tutors both at our center and at off-site locations. We are working closely with other non-profits to help our new

neighbors adjust to their new life. If you are interested in working with refugees, please contact the office to see how you can help.

We are also expanding our ESL classes in the Workplace. Businesses see the value of improved language skills of their employees

and are partnering with us to provide tailored classes for their business. In January, we will begin a new partnership with AgriCare NW. If you are interested in teaching ESL in a business setting, please contact Vivian. Visit our FB page or website to view a video of our pilot workplace ESL program at CabDoor.

Become a Tutor

We need tutors in English and Spanish GED, ESL, Spanish INEA, Computer skills, and Citizenship classes. No experience necessary! Our next training is January 14th. Please visit our website or contact the office for more information.



Beginning ESL



Fall Tutor Training

Save the Date!



The 3rd Annual Spotlight on Literacy Benefit Dinner & Awards is on **Friday, April 21, 2017.** Doors open at 6pm.

The Dinner will be held at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem. In addition to a catered dinner and wine donated by Scenic Valley Vineyards, the evening will also include a silent auction, a dessert dash, and some new surprises. You do not want to miss a fun evening so put it on the calendar.

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Follow us on social media and our website for current news and events!



www.midvalleyliteracycenter.org

Thanks for Attending our Open House

Our open house in September was a lot of fun. We enjoyed wine tasting, root beer tasting, classroom tours, and a chance to meet our Board of Directors and Advisory Board. Thank you to all who were able to attend. Visit our website or Facebook page to see a video of the afternoon with interviews from our supporters.

