

Strengthening Our Community

## **August Newsletter**

Happy August! We hope you are thriving and staying cool this summer.

It has been a busy couple of months here at WALC, we have had record numbers of learners in our summer classes. We have also bid farewell to two of our lovely employees – Tom Perry and Mai Kao Xiong. We are grateful to each of them for their years of service and contributions to our organization.

The Executive Director search is ongoing, and we look forward to sharing updates soon.

We have a lot of exciting things on the horizon! For the entire month of August, iconic Menasha restaurant Mihm's Charcoal Grill will be featuring WALC through their Benefit Burger. Go and indulge in a delicious burger sometime this month to support us and our mission!

This Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, we have our Friends of WALC picnic at the Lakeshore Park Pavilion. We are excited to connect with everyone and enjoy some delicious eats from the Caribbean Taste Food Truck. We will also be at the Oshkosh Farmers Market on the 24<sup>th</sup> so pop by and say hello!

Spellbound for Literacy is only 2 months away, so don't forget to take advantage of our Early Bird table rate, ending August 16th!

Lastly, through all of these busy times, we are in need of more teachers and volunteers. If you are interested in either, or know someone who would be, please reach out to knight@winlit.org to volunteer or allaback@winlit.org to apply for a teacher position.

## WINNEBAGO AREA LITERACY COUNCIL M WE'RE HIRING ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHER

PART TIME - 2 DAYS / WEEK, 2 HOUR CLASSES + 1 HOUR PREP \$14/HOUR | LOCATED AT 111 N MAIN ST OSHKOSH WI 54901

- LEAD TEACHER FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS SUCH AS SPEAKING, LISTENING, WRITING, AND READING
- COMPOSE LESSON PLANS WITH THE CURRENT LEARNERS IN MIND - WE PRIMARILY SERVE NEW REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS TO OUR AREA FROM A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS
- ENGAGE STUDENTS TO ENSURE A LIVELY
  AND WELCOMING CLASSROOM ATMOSPHERE
- WE TAKE A LEARNER-CENTERED APPROACH AND PRESUME COMPETENCE





TO APPLY OR FOR QUESTIONS: ALLABACK@WINLIT.ORG

# Volunteers Needed!

### Volunteers are the vital backbone of our organization

We are seeking volunteers to help as classroom aides and 1-on-1 tutors. We provide individualized tutor training and ongoing support throughout your experience with us!







If you are interested in volunteering with WALC, please email knight@winlit.org

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### New WALC Employees

#### Jaci Knight, Volunteer, Service, & Support Coordinator

Jaci comes to the WALC with a love and passion for education and helping people. As a small bookstore owner and lover of reading she fully believes in the power of reading and writing. With almost 20 years' experience in Customer Relations and a BA in Communication, Jaci is excited to bring her experience and joy to this position, the community, and the people she will be working with.





## Emma Thompson, Communications & Events Manager

Raised in Oak Park Illinois, Emma went on to American University in Washington DC obtaining a BS in Business Administration specialized in Finance and Entrepreneurship as well as a MS in Sustainability Management. A passion for education equality and community enrichment paired with nonprofit, operations, and fundraising experience Emma is looking forward to driving engagement at WALC!

### August Spotlight

### **Kevin Tripp**

Kevin has recently joined WALC as a tutor and teacher! When asked why he wanted to volunteer with us he said, "I really enjoy helping my students improve their reading skills and sincerely hope they find my assistance helpful." Previously, Kevin was a teacher for the Wisconsin DOC and graduated from UW-O with a degree in Education. He looks forward to working with everyone at the WALC and contributing to its mission of serving the community.



## **Upcoming Events**

Benefit Burger supporting WALC Entire month of August | Mimh's Charcoal Grill, Menasha

Friends of WALC Picnic August 8th | 3 - 6 pm | Lakeshore Park Pavilion

WALC at the Farmers Market August 24th | 8 am - 12:30 pm | Oshkosh Main St

Spellbound for Literacy October 3rd | 5 - 8:30 pm | Oshkosh Convention Center You can always get up to date information on upcoming events, locations and times on our website events calendar

> WALC Events Calendar

## **Eliminating Barriers to Literacy**



#### Considering a financial gift?

The community we serve is growing significantly this year - our goal is to respond quickly by expanding class sections and increase services.

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