



WINNEBAGO AREA
**LITERACY
COUNCIL**

March Newsletter

Spring is just around the corner, and at WALC, we're growing more than just ideas—we're growing opportunities!

This March we successfully completed our last two Financial Education Workshop sessions for the quarter. To those who volunteered with us, we truly appreciate your support and efforts to be part of our team. To our learners, we're thankful to witness and walk alongside you through your continued commitment to growth and learning. And finally, to Community First Credit Union, your ongoing collaboration with WALC for this workshop has been such a blessing for us and those in the community. Without any of these key players, we wouldn't have been able to do what we strive for.



Some other exciting news we're finally sharing is the launch of our new program WIN – Winnebago Network for Language Access ELL Teacher Professional Development Initiative. We're so grateful to the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation for supporting this program through their Community Impact Grant. Without their support, this wouldn't have been made possible. To the many people

who applied and showed interest, we hope to open more spots down the road and offer more opportunities to you. Until then, we can't wait to see how our new cohort connects and learns from one another along the way.

Another exciting program we were proud to launch this month is TOE – The Oshkosh Experience!

TOE was created to support WALC adult learners in building practical English skills through a blend of classroom instruction and real-world experiences.

Recently, our learners and teachers visited the Oshkosh Fire Department, where firefighters from Station 15 gave a behind-the-scenes look at their daily work. This hands-on experience not only strengthened language skills but also opened doors to understanding important community resources available to our learners.

Programs like TOE help bridge the gap between learning and living—empowering participants to feel more confident and connected in their

community.



Country Spotlight



This month, we're spotlighting Myanmar, also known as Burma!

From sacred pagodas and ancient temples to stunning natural landscapes, Myanmar is a country full of fascinating stories, rich traditions, and diverse cultures. Home to over 135 ethnic groups and breathtaking landmarks like Bagan and Inle Lake, there's so much to explore.

Get a glimpse into this culturally rich country and all it has to offer in our blog below!

[Read More](#)

Looking for Spellbound Committee Members!

We're in Spellbound mode and looking for volunteers to join our Spellbound Committee!

As part of our committee, you'll participate in monthly planning as we prepare for Spellbound for Literacy 2026. You'll support community outreach, contribute creative ideas for our big game, and help bring the event to life. This is a great opportunity to collaborate with our team, share your talents, and make a real impact in promoting literacy in our community. Whether you enjoy organizing, brainstorming, or connecting with people, there's a place for you.

If you're interested in learning more, connect with us at thompson@winlit.org!

GROW: Gardening for Resilience, Opportunity, and Wisdom Project

Join us this summer for a season of learning, connection, and growth!

From June through September, we're proud to be launching **GROW: Gardening for Resilience, Opportunity, & Wisdom** at the St. Andrews Evangelical Lutheran Church as part of our Women and Children program.

This unique program creates a welcoming space for learners to grow culturally meaningful foods, while also building their English language skills in a hands-on, supportive environment.

We're currently looking for volunteers to be part of this experience! As a volunteer, you'll help guide and observe learners while gaining insight into the rich cultures, traditions, and stories behind each garden and crop.

Want to learn more? Email info@winlit.org or call **(920)479-3135**



Volunteer with GROW
this upcoming summer!



TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS
JUNE - SEPTEMBER
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM @ St. Andrews
Evangelical Lutheran Church
1100 E Murdock Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901

Not interested in volunteering? WALC is accepting donations for any gardening materials!



Upcoming Immigration Learning Circle



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IMMIGRATION LEARNING CIRCLE

THE ASIAN-LATINO BORDERLANDS

Why are Asian migrant and Asian-Latino histories at the U.S.-Mexico border rarely heard, and who is responsible for telling them? Through collaborations with communities across northern Mexico and Texas, Dr. Estrella highlights efforts to preserve these overlooked stories.

Dr. Lucero Estrella

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22
4:30 PM - 6 PM
111 N MAIN ST, SUITE 202,
OSHKOSH, WI 54901



REGISTER NOW



On Wednesday, April 22 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, join us as we welcome Dr. Lucero Estrella, Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies at Lawrence University.

Through her collaborations with communities across northern Mexico and Texas, Dr. Estrella will share the history of Asian migrants and the Asian-Latino borderlands — a story that is often overlooked and rarely taught.

RSVP NOW

OPEN POSITIONS!

We have **three open positions** and are eager to have you join our team!

If you love gardening, Environmental Science, and English language learning, we're looking for a **Summer Program Teacher** and a **Summer Program Assistant Teacher** to join us this June through September for GROW.

We are also hiring a **Community Engagement Coordinator** for those who are passionate about building connections both online and in person. This role will support outreach efforts, strengthen relationships within the community, and help expand our digital presence.

✨ We encourage interested applicants to apply early!

Check out more of the details at <https://winlit.org/careers/> or connect with us, via email, at info@winlit.org. 😊

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- Make a financial contribution to support our free literacy services

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