



Literacy Council of Wake County

Enriching lives through literacy: Teaching Adults to Read, Write and Speak English.

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A SUMMER OF FUN! OUR FIRST ANNUAL ROAD RALLY, A SUSPENSEFUL BLACK, WHITE & READ ALL OVER & OUR 10TH ANNUAL SPELLING BEE



Pictures from Left to Right: Receiving Road Rally Instructions, Solving the Murder at our Black, White & Read All Over & This year's Spelling Bee Winners-SAS!

The Literacy Council had a busy and exciting summer of events! On May 30th the Literacy Council held its First Annual Road Rally. Twenty-six teams participated in the road rally. They enjoyed perfect weather for driving and followed clues that led them throughout Wake County. Participants who successfully completed the course ended at Time Warner Cable Music Pavilion at Walnut Creek (the secret end location!) Once there, everyone enjoyed food and music. Congratulations to the winning team, our tutor Mark Edward and his family, who received the event trophy!

On August 20th, the LCWC held its 5th Annual Black, White, and Read All Over at the Cardinal Club. This event was hosted by WRAL-TV anchor Debra Morgan and we were very excited to present "It's a Mystery" theatre troupe, which performed Country Fried Caper, a Murder Mystery. It was a comical and suspenseful performance that had the whole audience captivated. The evening began with two students sharing how LCWC helped them achieve their goals and the silent auction kept the crowd in vigilant competition to have the winning bid on items such as restaurant gift certificates, tickets to the symphony and more!

The 10th Annual Corporate Spelling Bee was held on September 9th at Cary Academy. Participating teams included PPD, Batchelor, Tillery & Roberts, LLP, Cary Page Rotary Club, Collaborative Consulting, LLC, Lynn's & Daphne's Hallmark Shops, and SAS. The First Place Award went to SAS, the Runner-up and Best Costume Award went to Lynn's & Daphne's Hallmark Shops, and the Best Team Spirit Award went to PPD.

Family Literacy Success!

Last year Project LIFT completed a very successful year! The program served a total of 151 adults and 127 children through its multiple sites and classes. And in 2009 Project LIFT has continued to be on the move! In January, 2009, the program began offering classes at Barwell Road Elementary School. The community's response to this new site has kept the Council's staff very busy. LCWC is looking forward to continuing this successful partnership.



Welcome to the Juvenile Literacy Center!

On June 5th the new Juvenile Literacy Center, located in the Wake County Courthouse, held an Open House to celebrate the launch of the Literacy Council's newest program! Community members, judges, court counselors and agency heads mingled together to hear Linda Wheeler Hayes, Secretary for the North Carolina Dept. of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention discuss the importance of programs working with youth in the court system to reduce recidivism. The Juvenile Literacy Center works with youth (ages 6 to 17) to improve their reading, writing and math skills. Students are referred by the Juvenile Court to this program, with the intention of helping them re-enter school or the workforce in a more positive and constructive manner.



Thank you!
A special thank you to all of our supporters, especially our tutors and donors. We could not continue to provide our services without your generosity!

If you have any questions about our organization or programs, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Laura Walters at 919-787-5559 or lwalters@wakeliteracy.org.

NC State Fair Completes Workplace Civics Class

Beginning in April, the NC State Fair and the Literacy Council collaborated on their 3rd Workplace Civics class for State Fair employees. The class was a great success. 31 employees participated and received help on a variety of workplace and life skills issues, including talking to medical professionals, understanding local and state geography, reporting work place accidents, and other important competencies needed to successfully navigate American society and the workplace. Employees were split into two classes (one in the morning and the other in the afternoon) that met a total of 16 weeks. Participating students hailed from all over the world including, Mexico, Vietnam and Chad. All parties involved enjoyed the class and the Literacy Council looks forward to continuing its relationship with the NC State Fair in years to come.



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