



# Literacy Council for Josephine County

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223 S.E. M Street, Grants Pass, OR, 97526

## Literacy adds value to our community

If you are already a supporter of the Literacy Council or are looking at this letter, you have thought about the difficulty people have if they cannot read.

Perhaps you enjoy reading a newspaper, use a computer, belong to a book club, or maybe you have a new e-book device.

How would you live without these?

Well there are many who are doing that very thing. They can't read a story to their toddler. They can't read a note from the teacher.

Imagine not feeling able to go into a book store to get an English/Spanish dictionary. Or to be unable to look in the newspaper for a better

job.

How about the fellow who lived in LA when he was in grade school, and after he came home with bruises on his neck his mother decided to home school him? He read at only a second grade level when I met him. He may have had learning disabilities as well.

All these things diminish our community. He so sincerely wanted to be like other 24 year olds.

Those of us who give time to help all these people are pleased to do so. For us, it is fun and a privilege to help such deserving souls. We find ourselves eager to see these hard working people each time.

If you find that you like to read and like people, you can join us as a tutor.

If you have taught in the schools and would like to tutor one-on-one a couple times a week, you would be welcomed by these eager students who know why they are taking classes.

Give us a call.

Some of the best tutors have never taught in the schools, so even if you don't have teaching experience, don't discount your value to us.

Give us a call.

Obviously, those who need our services can't read this. But since you can, please refer those who do need our help.

Give us a call.

The office number is 541-472-0355.

**Andrea Dougan**  
Literacy Council Chairman

### Celebrating our gifts

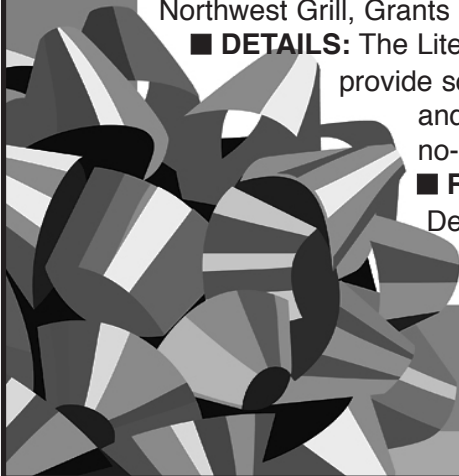
■ **WHAT:** Literacy Council Annual Meeting, Tutor Appreciation and Christmas Party

■ **WHEN:** Dec. 7, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

■ **WHERE:** Evergreen Room, Taprock Northwest Grill, Grants Pass

■ **DETAILS:** The Literacy Council Board will provide some snacks. Beverages and additional food is no-host.

■ **RSVP:** By Nov. 29 to Dee Pierce, 541-955-5185 or pierceda@q.com.





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## CALENDAR

### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

Meetings are at 12:30 p.m. at the Literacy Council office, 223 S.E. M St. in Grants Pass. (In the Coalition for Kids building; entrance is off the back parking lot.)

Dec. 13	April 11
Jan. 10	May 9
Feb. 14	June 13
March 14	July 11

## Introducing four new tutors...

In the past few months, we have added several new tutors to our ranks. Here's a brief introduction to some new faces at the Literacy Council:

### **MAGGIE CALLERY**

**1. Please share a little of your personal history: educational background, career, family.**

**MAGGIE:** I am originally from Northern Idaho. I moved to Eugene to go to the University of Oregon, where I studied social work and Spanish. I spent a year living abroad in Spain teaching English and learning Spanish. I moved to Grants Pass for an AmeriCorps position through Early Childhood Services and am currently applying to graduate school to pursue a career in early intervention.



MAGGIE CALLERY

Spanish who I may be able to connect to.

**3. What other volunteer work do you do? What other groups or clubs are you involved with?**

**MAGGIE:** I volunteer with UCAN as an AmeriCorps member along with Coalition For Kids.

**4. If you were stranded on a desert island, what one book would you want to have with you?**

**MAGGIE:** "Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls

### **LARRY JAROCH**

**1. Please share a little of your personal history: educational background, career, family.**

**LARRY:** I was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and was raised in Minnesota. I have an undergraduate degree in philosophy, and a master's degree in mental health counseling. I have one son, two daughters, three granddaughters and one grandson.

**2. How did you come to get involved with the Literacy Council? What expectations do you have with us?**

**LARRY:** I taught English in China for 13 months and in Mexico for seven months. I enjoy working with people, so I volunteered with the Literacy Council.

**3. What other volunteer work do you do? What other groups or clubs are you involved with?**

**LARRY:** I'm a library volunteer. I enjoy playing pinochle and Texas hold'em.

**4. If you were stranded on a desert island, what one book would you want to have with you?**

**LARRY:** I can't pick just one: the Bible, history and some good fiction.

## Tutor profiles



## ...they are invaluable additions to our team

### MAUREEN MCCARTHY

**1. Please share a little of your personal history: educational background, career, family.**

**MAUREEN:** I have always had a love for books and reading. One of my early memories is of absconding with any readable materials that came in the mail and leaving the bills on the table for Mom to deal with. When I got into trouble at home, it was usually because I had my nose stuck in a book.



MAUREEN MCCARTHY

I knew early on I wanted to become a teacher, but didn't want to teach right after high school and college; I wanted to have a feel for "real life."

The time finally came for me to get my teaching degree in the early 1990s; I

graduated in 1998 from Southern Oregon University with an elementary teaching certificate.

I especially wanted to be a reading teacher because of my two step-sons who both struggled almost devastatingly with reading and spelling, but Oregon had dropped its reading certificate at that time in favor of ESOL, so I pursued that endorsement, but didn't finish the practicum because it would have meant giving up my classroom for at least half a year.

I taught in public and private schools for 10 years before starting my private tutoring business for people with dyslexia.

**2. How did you come to get involved with the Literacy Council? What expectations do you have with us?**

**MAUREEN:** I had been looking for a group to get involved with that would match my talents and passions, and at the volunteer fair held in the summer, I met Andrea Dougan and Dee Pierce and talked with them. They had realized lately that dyslexia may be behind many of the problems that bring people to the Literacy Council, and we realized that we meshed pretty well — and now I'm ready to start working with adults who can't afford private tutoring.

**3. What other volunteer work do you do? What other groups or clubs are you involved with?**

**MAUREEN:** I have recently taken time off from working with the children's programs at my church, where I taught Sunday school for several years and worked in its Awana

program before that.

**4. If you were stranded on a desert island, what one book would you want to have with you?**

**MAUREEN:** My Bible. It gives me eternal truths and values, and is full of adventure, romance, and history — what more could I want?

### JUDI HISCOX

**1. Please share a little of your personal history: educational background, career, family.**

**JUDI:** I was born in San Francisco and was raised and went to school in the SF Bay Area. I have been to college three times over the years; the last time was when I went through the medical office program at Rogue Community College.

I have worked in the medical profession at Rogue Valley Medical Center, Providence Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente in Santa Clara, Calif.

I am currently working at Grants Pass Surgical Associates part time and working my way towards retirement slowly. I have two daughters and four grandsons.

**2. How did you come to get involved with the Literacy Council? What expectations do you have with us?**

**JUDI:** I got involved in the Literacy Council through Andrea Dougan, whom I met at the Fantastic Flea Market this summer in the Daily Courier parking lot. I told her I could only find a few books to buy because I had read most of what they had and they had a lot of books. She told me to look into the Council because they were looking for people who love to read.



JUDI HISCOX

**3. What other volunteer work do you do? What other groups or clubs are you involved with?**

**JUDI:** I volunteered years ago at Wildlife Images as a tour guide and other things when Dave Siddon Sr. was still alive. I met many wonderful friends with similar interests and I loved being there.

**4. If you were stranded on a desert island, what one book would you want to have with you?**

**JUDI:** "War and Peace" by Leo Tolstoy, because it would take me so long to read and it is a wonderful book that I could read over and over.

## Tutor profiles



**Check out our new, improved website: <http://literacyjoco.weebly.com>**

Thanks to lots of hard work by our vice chair Dee Pierce — with valuable input from our board members — The Literacy Council for Josephine County has a new website. Visit us at <http://literacyjoco.weebly.com>.

Here, you'll find a clean and easy-to-navigate site, complete with information on who we are,

what we do and how you can get involved as a tutor, a board member or as a volunteer.

It has information for prospective students, copies of past newsletters, a list of individuals and organizations that have donated to us and even a page for making easy online donations.

Check us out!

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

## Paraprosdokian

Figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

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