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A newsletter for the volunteers & friends of Pemi-Baker Literacy

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YEAR IN REVIEW...

- 62 people contacted PBL for literacy assistance
- 25 students improved their English skills
- 800+ hours of instructional time were provided
- 17 volunteers aided 29 students in their learning goals
- An additional 14 students received digital literacy instruction, assisted by 2 volunteers
- 11 students participated in online learning
- 3 students passed the HiSET

From the Director

Our 23rd Year is Off to an Exciting Start!

Last year, we saw a growing need for older adults seeking help with technology, which led to a new partnership with Senior Planet, a division of AARP (www.seniorplanet.org). We've just completed our first course, Computer Essentials, and are excited to offer even more courses in 2025! This fall, we've also seen a surge in new students eager to learn English, prompting us to bring back our English classes. Additionally, our tutoring services are busier than ever, with many students focused on English language skills and HiSET/GED preparation. By keeping our program small and personalized, we're able to quickly adapt to the evolving needs of our community. We are incredibly grateful for our supportive board and a community that continues to champion our mission!

New ESL Class!

When we learned about a group of seven locals in need of basic English skills, we immediately sprang into action. We quickly secured a teacher and initial funding to get a class started for them. We were fortunate to find Heather Vernon, a former volunteer who transitioned to staff, to lead the class. Heather holds a Master's degree in Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) with 12+ years experience in the field. We are thrilled to have her on board. Since this group shares a common work schedule, we've arranged for their classes to take place at times that don't conflict with work. They meet twice a week and enjoy learning together. We're excited to watch their progress in the months ahead. If you'd like to help support these students, please consider making a donation by scanning the QR code or including a note with your check.



Support New ESL class

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Big News for Long-Time Students!



Congratulations to May (left), who recently passed her LNA exam, and to Biyun (right), who is now officially a U.S. Citizen!

We are so proud of these incredible women for their hard work and dedication in achieving these remarkable milestones. Their success is an inspiration to us all!





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Celebrating our first Senior Planet graduates!

We're thrilled to introduce the first graduates of our Senior Planet program! Over the course of five weeks, these dedicated students attended classes twice a week to learn the basics of Windows, internet navigation, and online safety and privacy. Their commitment to embracing technology has been truly inspiring! Partnering with Senior Planet has granted us access to a wide range of digital literacy curriculum, and we're excited to take this initiative even further. Soon, some of our amazing volunteers will be trained as instructors, allowing us to expand our impact. If there's a specific tech topic you'd like to see offered, we'd love to hear your suggestions! Looking ahead, our next five-week course, Tech for Everyday Life, will begin on January 21. If you'd like to support this new initiative, you can scan the

QR code or include a note with your check. Your contributions make programs like this possible —thank you for your generosity!

Support Senior Planet Programs



THANK YOU for your support!

In times of uncertainty, we're reminded of how fortunate we are to be part of such a supportive and welcoming community. Your unwavering encouragement enables us to grow, adapt, and meet the ever-changing needs of our diverse community.

Thank you for being the heart of what we do. We couldn't achieve any of this without you!



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General Donation

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