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

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From the Director

As we enter our 22nd year, we find ourselves adapting well to the post-pandemic landscape. Our instructional time has returned to over 900 hours annually. The demand for our English language services continues to be strong, and we're witnessing a renewed interest in HiSET/GED programs after a period of relative quiet. Students are finding time in their busy lives to concentrate on their education, which can be a vital stepping stone to elevate their lives and careers. We look forward to helping them succeed in 2024 and beyond!



Highlights over the past year....

- * 52 people contacted PBL for literacy assistance
- * 20 students improved their English skills
- * 900+ hours of instructional time were provided
- * 11 volunteers aided 16 students in their learning goals
- * 11 students attended English language classes
- * 6 students participated in online learning
- * 2 students recently passed the HiSET

Celebrating our Students!



May has been a dedicated student of PBL since 2015 when she began working with a tutor to improve her English. She worked diligently with a tutor and in a group class through 2021 and was able to secure a full time job and get her driver's license. May returned to our program this fall to work on getting her U.S. citizenship so she can be eligible for a promotion!



The onset of the pandemic disrupted Mataya's junior year in high school, leading her to prioritize full-time work over online studies. She entered our program in 2021 to pursue her HiSET. Mataya found it best to focus on a test or two at a time, and we are proud to share that she officially passed all five parts of the HiSET this summer!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



We take great pride in introducing three new and one returning board member this year! We extend a warm welcome back to Robin Peck, a retired educator. Joining our board for the first time are Kristine Sterner, an elementary educator; Cassandra Millar, with expertise in non-profit finance; and Joyce Palmer, a retired non-profit leader. They join forces with Sue Kling, a retired educator; Joan Clay, a retired business owner; and Vicki Kelly, PSU Clinical Coordinator for Educator Practice. We anticipate a productive year with this experienced and skilled group!

THANK YOU for your support!

The past few years have presented challenges for us all. We extend heartfelt thanks for the unwavering support that this program has received over the years. Our students continue to thrive because of this compassionate community!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you have a few hours a week and want to help an adult improve their literacy, call or email us today!

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