



LiteracyTaskForce.org

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Dear Reader:

The Literacy Task Force of Northern Wisconsin is an organization of parents and professionals devoted to providing research-based literacy training and appropriate tutoring for area children and adults who struggle with reading, writing, and spelling. We are asking for your donation to support our efforts. Donations are used to support scholarships for tutors (who in turn donate their time by providing up to 30 hours of free tutoring) and enable us to provide literacy resources for parents, tutors, and persons of low literacy. Partnering with us are Nicolet Area Technical College and the Rhinelander-North Woods Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Attached is a fact sheet describing our accomplishments over the past eight years. For additional information about the Task Force, you may check out our website: www.literacytaskforce.org. The website includes a list of organizations, businesses, and Foundations that have donated to the Task Force. You will note that we give talks to organizations on various topics related to reading, writing, and spelling problems. Do contact us if you have an interest in having someone speak to your organization. (Contact Peggy Steber: 715-277-2019; ste@newnorth.net).

Please join us in making literacy an attainable goal for everyone in our community (see attached donation form). Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Peggy Steber, Secretary
Literacy Task Force of Northern WI

ENCLS: fact sheet about the Task Force; membership/donation form; class information

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Mission: The Literacy Task Force of Northern Wisconsin promotes, provides, and develops literacy opportunities to serve children, adults, and their families in North Central Wisconsin.

The mission is accomplished through our goals:

1. To train area volunteer tutors and teachers to work with individuals with moderate to severe reading and spelling needs
2. To raise funds for tuition scholarships, literacy training and resource materials for our trainees, parents, and persons of low literacy
3. To raise public awareness about the impact of reading difficulties
4. To connect parents/persons needing tutoring with resource persons
5. To maintain an up-to-date base of resource persons
6. To support partial tutoring costs for parents whose child may need extensive tutoring

Overview of Accomplishments 2004-2012

Started in June, 2004, as a group of concerned parents and professionals. The decision was made to focus on strong literacy tutor/training in Northern Wisconsin.

Beginning and Advance Level Training 2005-2011

- **89 tutors** have been trained in a sixty hour (2 week) beginning level training workshops trained
- **34 tutors** have received advanced level training (3 day)
- **Over 122 children and adults** have received short to long term instruction
- **Countless students** within the school setting as the skills learned by tutors have been incorporated into classroom instruction.

Scholarships Awarded through Donations

Forty two full and partial scholarships have been awarded

Area Workshops and Presentations

Speakers have done presentations to area schools, libraries, clinics, reading councils, civic groups, preschools and state committee meetings

State Recognition

WI American Association of University Women Best Practice Award 2006, 2007
Wisconsin Branch of the International Dyslexia Association
Outstanding Educator Award
Outstanding Tutor and Tutee Awards, 2008
Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. Honorable Mention for Outstanding Adult Tutee 2008
Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. Honorable Mention for Literacy Advocate of the Year 2010

Other

Membership in Wisconsin Literacy, Inc. 2007
Conducted 3-year follow up satisfaction survey of our trainees, 2007 (4.5/5.0)
Formed Board of Directors, January 2008
Donated resource materials to Minocqua library, 2008
Presented position paper to State Special Education Superintendent's Task Force, 2008
Applied and Obtained Non-profit status 501(C)(3), 2008
Performed in Northwoods Non-Profits Got Talent, 2011
Currently involved with the Potawatomi Tribe to obtain a training grant for mentors.

The Literacy Task Force of Northern Wisconsin presents

The SLANT System® Introductory Class

By Marsha A. Geller, M.Ed.

June 25-28, 2012
Three Lakes, Wisconsin

Earn 2 hours Graduate Credit

The SLANT System® is a research-based, multisensory, structured language professional development program. It is designed to improve teachers' skills in teaching reading, spelling, and writing to individuals who have been unsuccessful using traditional approaches, or who are considered "at risk". The SLANT System® is effective as an intervention program for both Tiers 2 & 3 in an RTI model and can also be used as a supplementary reading program in general education classrooms where it provides balance to literature-based reading approaches.

The Introductory Class

This course presents an overview of the SLANT System®. It covers the scope and sequence of the SLANT System®, the content of a typical lesson, characteristics of students for whom SLANT® is appropriate, basic diagnostic procedures, and a systematic introduction to language structure (letter/sound relationships, syllable types, & spelling rules). Participants will develop an overall understanding of the SLANT System®, learn how to prepare a typical lesson, and gain insight into language structure. The Introductory Class is a prerequisite for continuing on towards teaching level certification in the SLANT System®. More information on how this Introductory Class can be used towards Teaching Level Certification, is available at <http://www.slantssystem.com> or email: info@slantssystem.com

For questions or additional information contact:

Peggy Steber at 715-277-2019

Or

Donna Hejmanek dhejmanek@yahoo.com

2 hours Graduate Credit from Aurora University will be available for an additional \$200. Registration and payment for graduate credit will be taken at the first class meeting only. Please bring a check payable to Aurora University. See back for registration.

Make Checks Payable to: Literacy Task Force of Northern Wisconsin

Dates & Times: Monday - Thursday, June 25-28, 2012
8:30am - 4:00pm

Location: Three Lakes Schools, Three Lakes, WI (directions and additional information will be sent in June)

Cost: Tuition \$350.00 per person and \$225.00 for materials

Refund Policy:

Registration will close on Friday, June 15th. A minimum of 5 students is needed for the class to run. All monies will be refunded if the class is canceled.

Keep top half for your records and return bottom half with payment

**SLANT[®] System Introductory Course
June 25-28, 2012**

Payment: \$575.00

Please Print

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____ School District: _____

Mail This Form To: **Peggy Steber
5555 Sand Lake Road
Harshaw, WI 54529**

MEMBERSHIP IN THE LITERACY TASK FORCE

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LITERACY TASK FORCE OF NORTHERN WISCONSIN? The Literacy Task force promotes, provides, and develops literacy opportunities to serve children, adults, and their families in North Central Wisconsin. Your \$15 membership (per person) is used to support operating expenses, such as xeroxing materials for workshops and presentations, mailing informational literature to interested persons, and purchasing supplies for the organization.

M E M B E R S H I P F O R M

(Please print)

(Mr., Mrs. Ms.) _____ (one name only)

Name _____ Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone () _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Email _____

I prefer to receive information () by email (Note: less expensive) () by snail mail.

Check categories that best describe your interest in/relationship with the Task Force:

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of child in Tutoring Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of child interested in Tutoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop trainee | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of child who has received O/G |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prospective Trainee | <input type="checkbox"/> Press Release Contact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop Master Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor, individual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> /Instructor | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor, nonprofit organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Contact | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor, church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Contact | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor, business |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ to join the Literacy Task Force.

Enclosed is a donation towards scholarships and resource materials:

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