



# Tutor Connection

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Tri-County Literacy Council – Spring/Summer 2014

Tri-County Literacy Council is a community-based, non-profit organization that enriches both community and individuals by addressing literacy needs

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which can be used.”*

*Nelson Mandela*

## Motivating Your Student

Carol Anne Maloney, Coordinator of Volunteers

To help provide more support to our volunteers, and offer a forum for one-on-one tutors to meet each other, we have implemented the Tea and Talk for Tutors. So far, one concern volunteers have expressed is how to motivate their learners. As an adult with many responsibilities and challenges, motivation can be a common issue among students. Following are some suggestions you may want to try with your learner:

- **Create useful and relevant learning experiences based on your student’s needs and interests.** The Ministry has been emphasizing practical knowledge that students can use in their real lives, whether it is at their home or work. Milestones help to ensure students are able to do tasks independently, empowering learners.
- **Use a variety of mediums to teach.** Include all sorts of materials such as books, pamphlets, newspapers, short videos, and podcasts when learning. It will make sessions more interesting.
- **Chunk Information.** Breaking up sessions with a variety of activities will help the learner to remember and assimilate information. Small bits are easier to process. Remember to include breaks in your lessons.
- **Focus on the student’s goals.** Empower your learners to work on achieving small goals. Set a deadline. Build on success. Encourage your students to keep samples of their work to demonstrate their progress. **Remember to celebrate achievements!**

*“Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom”*

*George Washington  
Carver*

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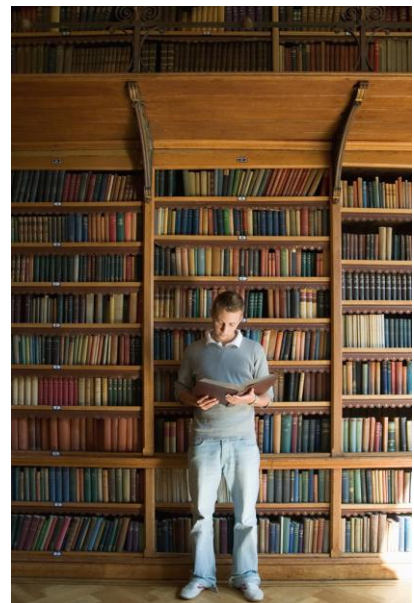
## Motivating Your Student/ Tea and Talk for Tutors

- **Stimulate learners by encouraging them to think either by providing brain teasers or by asking thought-provoking questions.** Let them know their opinions are important. Present controversial topics to stimulate passion.
- **Make learning visually compelling.** Did you know that 83% of learning occurs visually?
- **Use real-life activities from their home or workplace.** Make it practical.
- **Be respectful to your learner.** See them as valuable members of society.
- **Ask for their feedback.** Act upon it, by including it your tutoring sessions.
- **Present the benefits of what they are learning, and show it applies to the student's life.**

*“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”*

*Benjamin Franklin*

The next **Tea and Talk for Tutors** is scheduled for **Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 1:30 pm.** Angele D'Alessio from Canadian Mental Health will be our guest speaker. I hope you can join us!



*Thank  
You*



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