



Tutor Connection

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

“The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.”

~ Aristotle

By Carol Anne Maloney, Coordinator of Volunteers

With the return of September, comes memories of going back to school. In today’s ever-changing world, learning is lifelong. Tri-County Literacy Council has a variety of training options: Retail Associate (September 9th), Daycare Worker (September 23rd), Money Management for Everyone (October 7th), Communication Counts (October 15th), and Health Care Support Worker (November 4th). We also have one-on-one tutoring and a Literacy Basic Skills (LBS) and GED Prep class that meets Monday to Thursday in the morning hours.

Meet a Tutor

Tri-County Literacy Council has many amazing volunteers. I would like to introduce you to Mary McQuillan. Passionate about learning, Mary is a lifelong learner with careers in civil engineering and nursing. Presently, she is learning a new language. In addition to volunteering at the Literacy Council, she is involved with Camp Erin, a bereavement camp for youth (ages 6-17) who are grieving the death of a significant person in their lives.

Where are you originally from and how long have been a tutor with Tri-County Literacy Council?

Originally from Montreal, I moved to Glen Nevis in North Lancaster nineteen years ago.

What is your favourite part of tutoring?

I have two favourite parts. The first is when I see that Eureka! moment in a student’s eyes, when they finally master the math concept that had baffled and defeated them for far too long. The second is when they are able to pass the math aptitude test that will allow them to get into the program they want. It is extremely satisfying when they not only pass the test but ace it...and tell me they now do math problems on Facebook just for fun!

Share a tip that has been successful when working with a student.

The best tip for success was one that I learnt from a Tri-County Literacy Council presentation offered by Carol Anne Maloney, about the importance of structure and homework to be completed...the need to set goals and to meet them. Clearly laying out expectations and deadlines means that the student knows exactly what is expected of them, and leaves the tutor much, much less frustrated.

Who inspires you?

Almost everyone who achieves what they set out to do through hard work and determination. What is worthwhile takes time. Particularly, though, my husband inspires me. He is studying and working towards

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

~ Benjamin Franklin

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“The learning process continues until the day you die.”

~ Kirk Douglas

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achieving his goals of improving the mental health of members in our community. His commitment to these goals is admirable and he inspires others by showing them what can be accomplished if you set your mind to it.

What book have you enjoyed lately?

I am reading “One Giant Leap” by Charles Fishman. It is filled with incredible anecdotes and information never told to the public. For instance, Buzz Aldrin broke off the kill switch in the lunar landing module with a part of his bulky spacesuit, and the only way they could reactivate the switch, so that they module could be launched back into space and meet up with the orbiter, was by jamming the cap of a felt marker into it to turn it back on. I thought it was really interesting that they only thought of planting the American Flag (that iconic picture we all know of) the last weeks before takeoff, bought it at Sears, and then almost forgot to plant it when they actually landed. An entertaining and enjoyable book.

“Education is not filling of a pail but lighting a fire.”

~ William Butler Yeats

Tea & Talk for Tutors

The next Tea & Talk for Tutors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019 at 2 p.m. This is an opportunity for volunteers to get together and learn new skills.

Volunteer and guest speaker, Robert

Taylor, will be sharing his presentation titled “Supersize your Brain.” Hope to see you there!

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it.”

~ Malcolm X

United Way Kickoff

On Thursday, September 12th, 2019 the United Way of SDG will kick off their fundraising for 2020. The United Way kindly provides funding to our volunteer program, as they value agencies that have a direct impact on our community. Please be generous!

“The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

~ Dr. Seuss

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