



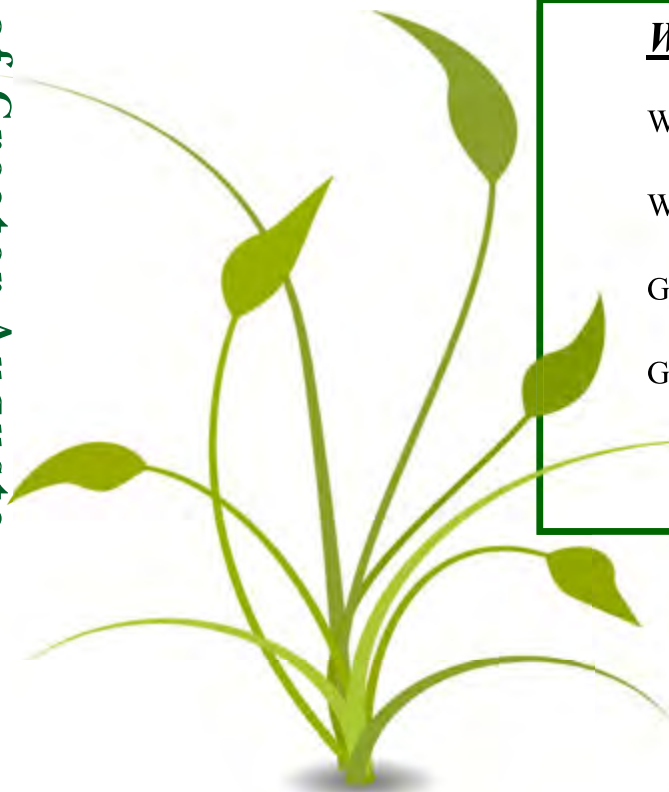
THE OPEN BOOK

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta

Summer 2016



Jump Into Summer Reading!



Warm Summer Sun

Warm summer sun,
Shine kindly here,
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here.
Green sod above,
Lie light, lie light.
Good night, dear heart,
Good night, good night.

by Mark Twain

Learn more about LVA by visiting our website or call to set up a time to talk to us.
We'd love to hear from you.

Call (207) 626-3440 today!

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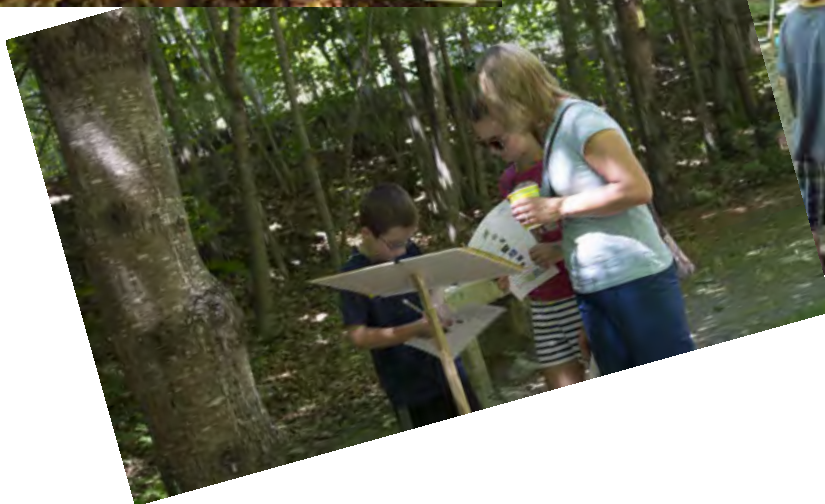
LVA StoryWalk a Great Success!

On Saturday, June 18, LVA hosted a StoryWalk as part of the 2016 Greater Gardiner River Festival. The featured book was ***Come With Me to the Pond*** by Maine author Doris Anne Holman. We were lucky enough to have Ms. Holman there to talk about her book and interact with the children. It seemed like she had as much fun as our young readers did that day.

The StoryWalk included lots of fun activities for kids, combined with magical storytelling and a stroll on the waterfront nature trail. As an added bonus, children and adults alike were treated to a Fairy Village at the end of the trail. A lot of fun memories were created that day while building literacy skills that will last a lifetime!

Special thanks to ***J.S. McCarthy Printers, G&E Roofing Company,*** and ***Summit Natural Gas*** for helping us make this Story Walk possible.

For more StoryWalk pictures, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lva.augusta/>.



The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration the Kellogg Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

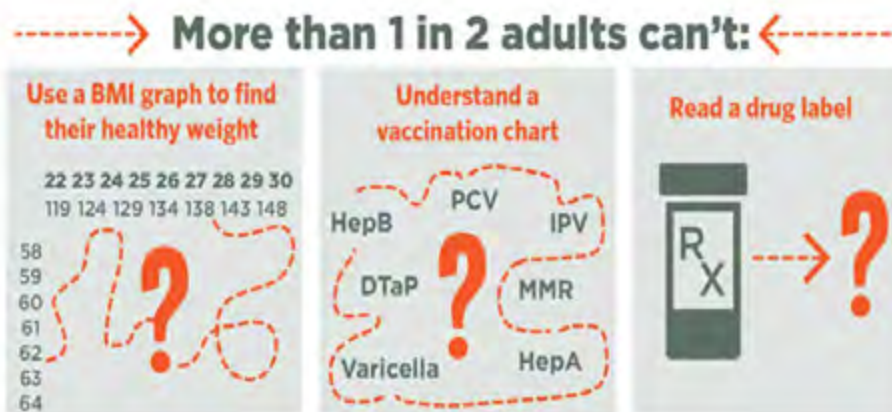


Literacy for Health

Low literacy skills are a big disadvantage when making healthy choices. Why is this?

1. Most publicly available health information is in writing. Reading is critical to understanding how to interpret what your body is telling you and what health problems you may be facing.
2. Knowledge about potential health issues aids in understanding what the doctors and nurses tell you during a medical office visit.
3. People who have trouble reading and interpreting medical information are more likely to end up in the hospital, skip critical prevention measures, and have worse health outcomes.
4. Only about 10% of adults have the skills to understand important information about their own health.

Health Literacy includes having the ability to read and understand instructions on a prescription drug container, read medical brochures, and understand medical instructions and consent forms.



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Our Mission Statement

The mission of
Literacy
Volunteers of
Greater Augusta is
to improve the
reading, writing
and related
literacy skills of
adults so each
individual may
reach their
potential.



Volunteer Spotlight

Our Volunteer Spotlight is on **Jennifer Haselton** this summer. Jennifer is being recognized as the Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta's **Volunteer of the Year** for her incredible commitment and dedication to the mission of LVA. Jen has been a tutor with LVA since January of 2015. Jen came to LVA with significant classroom experience working with special needs children and in early childhood education settings. She was an active participant in training and shared her own expertise with the group.

As soon as Jen completed training, she stepped right into working in the Literacy Lab setting working with learners from Goodwill Lifeworks program. Rather than the traditional one hour per week most tutors contribute with one learner, Jen works with three learners over an hour and half timeframe. In addition to the time she spends with her learners, she normally comes into the office at least an hour before her learners arrive in order to be prepared for them and to ensure their learning environment is set up and conducive to their needs.

Jen's learners appear to really enjoy working with her and Jen often encourages her learners to demonstrate to others what they have learned. They do this knowing Jen is behind them with encouragement and support. She is consistently flexible and adaptive to meet their respective needs. She is also very dependable, seldom missing a Thursday morning.

Jen spent a considerable amount of her personal time and money to create a word board in the LVA classroom. This is a full wall size piece of felt that allows learners to move letters and words around placing them on the felt with velcro. This gives learners both physical movement and tactile responses that help to increase learning and retention. She also recommended that LVA invest in a large whiteboard for the wall that gives learners opportunities to practice writing in large movement situations. Jen often shares workpages, resources, and other educational materials/methods with other tutors.

In addition to all of the above, Jen is always one to volunteer at various LVA events – fundraising or community outreach. She is normally at most family literacy events and has been very helpful with Scrabble Tournaments. She is always there with a positive attitude supporting LVA.



In recognition of unselfish, faithful and strong support of the work of LVA, the Board of Directors is pleased to present Jen with a Volunteer Recognition Award.



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Wed. 9-4 Thu. 9-4
Fri. Closed

Do you want to make a difference?

One in seven Maine adults lack basic reading skills that can put them on the path to reaching their goals.

New Mainers are seeking better skills in reading and speaking English.

YOU CAN HELP!

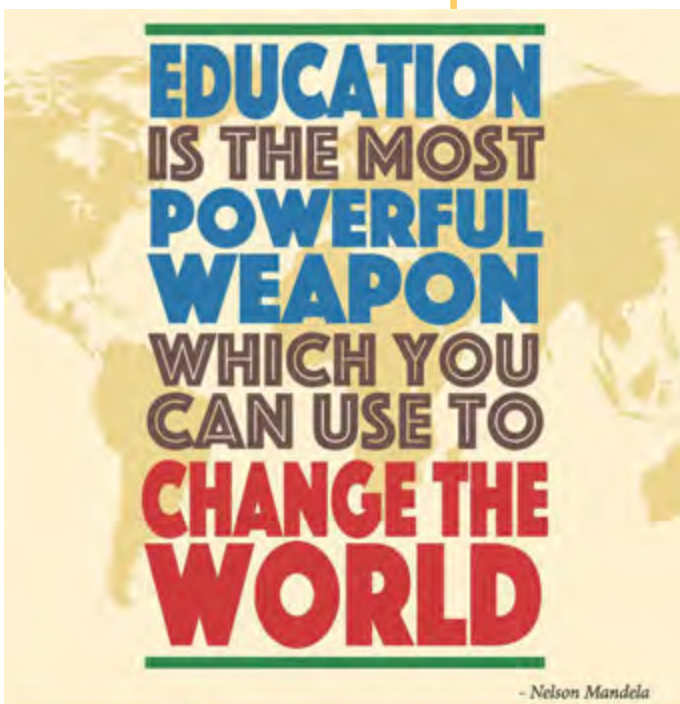
Please consider being a Literacy Volunteer.

Orientation: **Tuesday, October 11, 2016 5:30-7pm**
Volunteer Training: **Tuesday & Thursday, October 18 & 20, 2016**

Cost: \$10 for workbook & materials.
(No prior teaching experience necessary.)

Training held at
Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta
12 Spruce Street, Suite 4, Augusta, ME

Register by calling 207-626-3440
or email info@lva-augusta.org



Be sure to visit our Facebook page for up to date information on events and activities. Please support LVA by liking and sharing!





Calendar of Events



July 2016

- 7/4 — Independence Day
- 7/21 — Board of Directors
- 7/26 — Family Literacy Day at Bread of Life

August 2016

- 8/4 — Annual Learner & Volunteer Recognition (4 to 7 pm at Mill Park in Augusta)
- 8/4 — Board of Directors
- 8/13 — Lithgow Library Ribbon Cutting Celebration (10 am to noon)
- 8/15 — Presidents Day

September 2016

- 9/1-9/30 — Hannaford Bags4aCause (see below)
- 9/1 — Board of Directors
- 9/8 — International Literacy Day
- 9/15 — Fundraiser at Panera Bread (see below)

Tutor Training and Support Workshops are always offered in collaboration with our Waterville affiliate and are open to volunteers of both locations!

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER & LEARNER RECOGNITION

You are cordially invited to our **Annual Volunteer & Learner Recognition** event. Enjoy getting together with friends, enjoying some delicious food, and helping us to celebrate another year of successes.

Date: Thursday, August 4, 2016
Time: 4-7PM
Location: Mill Park, Water Street, Augusta



COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Please take a moment to review our upcoming fundraising opportunities. This is a chance to help out LVA while also supporting local businesses. For more information on how to get involved, call Ginny at 626-3440 or email info@lva-augusta.org.

Panera Bread Fundraising Night — 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2016, Augusta

The amount of money donated to LVA is dependent on the number of flyers presented upon purchase. These can be downloaded and printed from our Facebook page under Events, or you can stop by our offices.

Hannaford Bags4aCause — All of September

Purchase a blue “Hannaford Helps” reusable grocery bag during September to donate \$1 to LVA. This is a great way to donate to our local nonprofits and reduce the amount of paper and plastic in our landfills.

AC Moore — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2016

This is another fundraiser that uses certificates to determine the amount of money donated to LVA. Customers must bring a flyer to present to the cashier at purchase. An electronic version of the flyer will be posted on our Facebook page or you can pick them up at our offices.