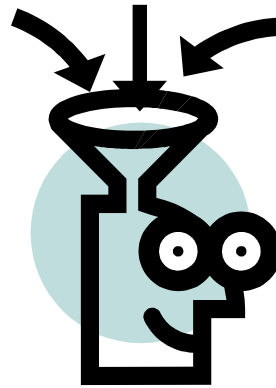


TUTOR NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012



WRITING

One of our tutors wrote:

Most of you have had many of the same wonderful experiences of being a tutor for Hawaii Literacy. We thrive on challenges of passing on the gift of reading and writing to others who need our assistance to improve their quality of life and self-esteem.

As tutors we build a friendly rapport with our students that encourages learning and confidence-building, the desire to achieve, to set and work on goals, and to simply enjoy the warm exchanges of friendship. I have so enjoyed the deep satisfaction in helping someone else improve their literacy skills. It's those little successes along the way that bring a smile to your face when the "aha" light turns on in your student. There are opportunities to not only use the vast resources of educational materials available to us both on-line and through the Hawaii Literacy office, but to use your own creativity to try new things to help motivate and excite your student.

If you are feeling a little rusty or sense that you are in a bit of a rut with tutoring do take a refresher, as I did, of the basic course in becoming a tutor. I'm a much better tutor as a result of that decision. Please also take advantage of additional training sessions offered by Hawaii Literacy and do take the time to complete the Verizon Literacy Network training courses (at [www. EdNetproliteracy.org](http://www.EdNetproliteracy.org)) Both you and your student will be rewarded for your commitment.

by Mike B.

NEW TUTORS



There is always a need for tutors, so we continue to train people who are interested in working with an adult. Following are those tutors who have attended a 16-hour training and then been certified in the last six months: (Some of our new tutors are from Kauai (they are denoted with an asterisk - *), where our Adult Literacy program is ever-expanding! Some are from the Rotary Club of Kapolei (and are indicated by a †.)

Pam Asato			
Graceleanor Baird*	Christina Enoka†	Jean Kitsuki	Mary Neudorffer*
Corey Barton	Heidi Fisch	Barbara Lee	Benjamin Okun
Gail Baugniet	Ruth Gibson*	Pam Martin	Daniel Parker
John Blandamer†	Mary Gustafson†	Rita Martin	Kay Rouse
Midge Blandamer†	Maile Hino	Lillian Matyjanka	Joe Shannon
Charlene Ching	Zachary Johnson†	Michael McCleary	Patti Shannon
Natasha Clarin†	Nancy Jones	Lionel Medeiros	Linda Taepan
Suzanne Deaton	Christine Kearney-Kurt	Gail Murabayashi	Helen Takeuchi
	Carol Kettner†	Morris Nakao	Ronald Yamauchi
			Sharlene Yamauchi

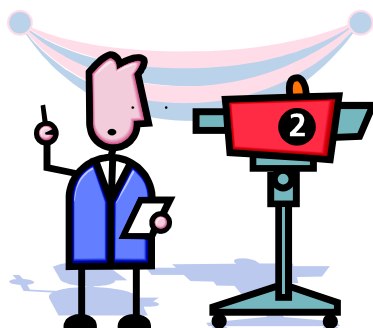
(thru March 2012)

In addition to the above newly-trained tutors, most of whom will be using the *Laubach Way to Reading* series, there were a number of tutors who attended a familiarization to the other series, *Challenger*, *Voyager*, and *Endeavor*. They are:

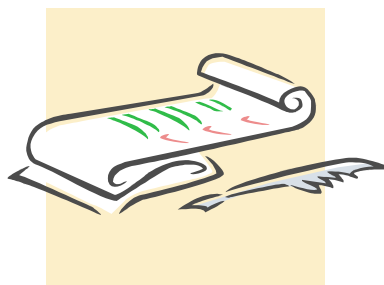
Mike Braham	Amy Munson	Wendy Vance
Jamie Henry	Joanne Naai	Daisy Yamada

Welcome to all new tutors and to those who took the additional training.

STUDENT FEATURED IN AUW CAMPAIGN VIDEO



One of our students, Danny, and his tutor, Joanne, are going to be in the video that is shown to thousands of people throughout the Island during the annual fund-raising campaign of Aloha United Way. Hawaii Literacy is a member of AUW; the video used in the campaign features people from programs who receive some funding from the money raised. We are proud of the progress Danny has made, due in part to his increased literacy skills (getting a job, increasing his hours at that job, starting to use the library.) He has completed three of the Laubach skill books with his tutor also. He also has been able to move on in his life and has become involved in new endeavors.



WISH LIST

Much of the Adult Literacy program happens outside of the office (thanks to YOU!) We still have needs in the office, especially for the training of tutors which we provide to interested individuals. We have a need for the following items: (If you or someone you know has any of these, please let us know here in the office – 537-6706)

1-inch ring binders for tutor trainings

Copy paper (colored and plain)
Erasable markers for a white-board
Refreshment supplies (hot and cold cups, napkins, small plates)



TUTOR TIP

SOME IDEAS TO HELP IN COMPREHENSION

FIRST: REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF PRE-READING

Before playing a sport or doing other physical activity, it is important to warm up and prepare your body for the upcoming task. It is the same way with reading. You need to warm up and prepare your mind for reading so that you can perform your best

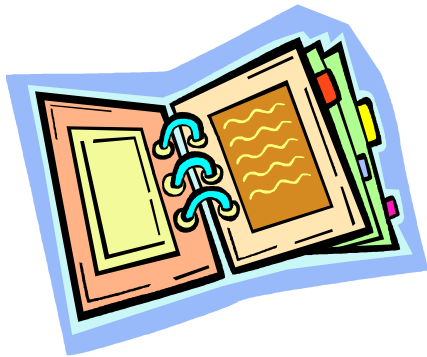
Before reading, be sure to engage your student in discussion about the topic. Ask what he/she already knows about the topic. Have them try to recall as much information as they can and think about related ideas learned in the past. One of the most important tools of pre-reading is to preview the selection and look for unfamiliar words. Have the student write down the new words, decode them and look up their definition (with your help???) Their comprehension will improve tremendously if they do these activities.

THEN: ENGAGE THE STUDENT IN PREDICTING

Make a list of some of the words (about 8) in the story your student will read (e.g.”..., biscuit, New York, ..., Russia”). Then have the student predict how they are related. (Your student might say, “Biscuits are made in New York and Russia.”) Next, have the student read the passage. (Part of the passage might be: “The Empire Biscuit Company is located in New YorkEmpire Biscuits are sold all over the world, even in Russia.” Then have your student compare his/her predictions with the actual reading and revise his/her predictions if necessary. (For

instance, after reading he/she should correct the prediction made by saying: “Empire Biscuits are made in New York. They are sold in Russia.”)

WHAT'S HAPPENING



There will be a **Tutor Recognition Event** in April to coincide with National Volunteer Week. It's a time to thank all of you for your work with your student. Due to space and monetary limitations, we probably will not be able to formally thank each of you (we wish we could!), but rest assured that you ALL receive our gratitude for a job well done!

We plan to have another **Student-Tutor Get-Together** soon. Lots of tutors and students came to the picnic at Ala Moana Park in November, and everyone had a great time. We hope to have even more people come and enjoy themselves and meet others at the next function!

In early September we will hold our fourth annual **Murphy's Block Party**. There will be food, an auction, various prizes and gifts, live music, and lots of fun. This is a good chance to enjoy food and drink, talk with other people – and support Hawaii Literacy in the process of having a good time! We will send you more information about the event as the time draws closer.

The 7th Annual **Hawaii Book and Music Festival** is coming to the grounds of Honolulu Hale again this year on **May 5 and 6**. There are LOTS of things going on – for both adults and children (story telling, book sales, lectures by national and local best-selling authors, a poetry slam, “PBS Kids” (with Mr. Steve) and other Keiki activities, a book swap, many exhibitor booths, and lots of food and beverages.) The admission is FREE and there is FREE PARKING! Hawaii Literacy will again be one of the beneficiaries of some of the proceeds. We will send you more information closer to the event – but be sure to SAVE THE DATE!