

# Clatsop Community College Volunteer Literacy Tutor News

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Don't Forget! The **FALL TERM TUTOR TRAINING** will be held **November 12**, Saturday, from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. Look for us in **Columbia Hall**, room 221.

We will be discussing **goal-setting** and **lesson planning** in the context of the new Oregon State Learning Standards Initiative that will alter the way adult basic skills are delivered to our students. We will concentrate on **learning strategies**, tools we can give our students **to help them listen and speak better**. Best of all, they can use these strategies in all aspects of their lives to communicate more effectively. Help to empower your student! Please RSVP so I can make the right number of packets. **338-2557**

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## Opportunity to Participate in CCC's Campus Reads Program

As I hope all of you know, volunteer tutors receive free library cards to use the campus library. The following comes from CCC's winning librarian, Candice Watkins, inviting you to participate in a special opportunity.

"The Campus Reads this year will center on the book, *Working in the Shadows*, by Gabriel Thompson. And to top it off the author will be visiting our campus in early February to discuss his book and related topics with our campus and the greater community. The exact date is yet to be determined but will be sometime early in the term.

So . . . let's start reading! We've placed 15 copies of the book on reserve in the library. Each copy checks out for 2 weeks. Just come in and check out a copy. We'll have a couple of discussions in early Winter term before the arrival of the author and then top it off with Mr. Thompson. How exciting!

This project has been made possible by tamale, coffee and muffin sales by faculty and staff at the college. It is part of a larger initiative, *Bridging Cultures*, which will enrich our library collection and bring other performances and programs to our entire community. Please join us!"

Read page 2 for a synopsis of *Working in the Shadows*.



Through mutual referrals, the tutor coordinator works with other social service agencies to serve our students. Tutors often encounter issues their students are struggling with that fall outside the scope of literacy instruction. We recommend that you alert the coordinator so that she may refer the student to an agency that may be able to help them.

Below is a partial list of the agencies the literacy program has a working relationship with:

- Women's Resource Center/Hutchens House
- NWRESM Migrant Education
- Head Start/ Astoria, Warrenton and Seaside
- Tongue Point Job Corps
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for needy families)
- Local Food Banks
- Legal Aid/Hillsboro
- HEP (A free Live-in GED program in Spanish and English in Eugene, OR)
- Lower Columbia Hispanic Council
- Healthy Kids/Health Department

Healthy Kids is a program to insure Oregon children under 19. Cost of coverage is based on family income. Currently, there is a push to get more kids in the program. A family of 5 with annual income under \$52,608 is eligible for no-cost insurance. To be eligible, a child must be uninsured, under the age of 19, live in Oregon and be a legal resident. Do your students know about this program? Information is available in Spanish.

### ***Working in the Shadows: A Year of Doing the Jobs (Most) Americans Won't Do***

What is it like doing the back-breaking work of immigrants? To find out, Gabriel Thompson spent the year working alongside Latino immigrants, who initially thought he was either crazy or an undercover immigration agent. He stooped over lettuce fields in Arizona and worked the graveyard shift at a chicken slaughterhouse in rural Alabama. He dodged taxis—not always successfully—as a bicycle delivery “boy” for an upscale Manhattan restaurant, and was fired from a flower shop by a boss who, he quickly realized, was nuts.

As one coworker explained, “These jobs make you old quick.” Back spasms occasionally keep Thompson in bed, where he suffers recurring nightmares involving iceberg lettuce and chicken carcasses. Combining personal narrative with investigative reporting, Thompson shines a bright light on the underside of the American economy, exposing harsh working conditions, union busting, and lax government enforcement—while telling the stories of workers, undocumented immigrants and desperate US citizens alike, forced to live with chronic pain in the pursuit of \$8 an hour.

**Contact Percy for more information about Healthy Kids.**