

# CLATSOP COMMUNITY COLLEGE VOLUNTEER LITERACY TUTOR NEWS

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## Tutor Self-Evaluations: how do you rate yourself?

When I sent out the self-evaluation rubric last month, it did not occur to me to ask you all to send me your "grades." But a suggestion from one of your fellows, who asked if she should send in her evaluation, got me thinking- why not? By rating yourselves, and sharing the information with me, we can generate targeted suggestions for improvements and better ideas for trainings.

I've enclosed an evaluation form with this newsletter. If you need another rubric, let me know and I will mail or email you one. And thanks go out to Nancy B. for this constructive idea.

## Student Success Stories:

A long-term literacy student, Dulce, recently completed the LIT (Lives In Transition) program at CCC. The class is credit-bearing and addresses stress reduction and how to muster support for dealing with life changes. LIT is conducted entirely in English and there is a considerable writing and reading

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## TUTOR TIP OF THE MONTH



### *Using Songs and Lyrics in Your Lessons*

Some of our tutors have been using song lyrics with their students. This is a good way to lighten up after a strenuous lesson and an opportunity to put some variety in your lesson plans. We recommend early Beatles' songs for their accessibility- where no deep interpretation is necessary. Lyrics are easily pulled from the Internet, and we have a file of them here in the office. CDs are available for check out in the library. Or maybe you have songs at home you can take to your lesson, or your student has something they are interested in - call us if you need help downloading lyrics.

Most of the time, I recommend that you leave certain words or phrases blank and let the student try to fill them in. Usually, the student needs to listen 3 times get it right. Try it and let us know how it works. Thanks to Roberta M. for her idea to use songs.

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### **Clatsop Community College Library Cards**

As a volunteer in the literacy program, you are eligible to use the college library without the customary \$5.00 quarterly fee. I send your names at the beginning of every term to Randy Collver, the head librarian. Please take advantage of this if you need to check out books, videos, or CDs for your own use or that of your student.



component a student must complete. Dulce's tutor, Jane, was a great support and contributed to Dulce's A grade. Dulce is moving into a college Speech class next term.

If your student is an advanced ESL student, we highly recommend their participation in LIT. It will advance his/her English skills and provide experience in a class outside the literacy curriculum. There is now a Seaside LIT section so South County students will have an easier time accessing this offering.

Another ESL literacy student, Julio, recently finished his Spanish-language GED at the HEP program at the University of Oregon (a GED in English is also an option in HEP). This federally-funded 10-week program provides an opportunity for intensive study. Each student receives free room and board and a chance to experience campus life. Julio's success will enable him to search for a better job with his US certificate, has given him basic instruction in US history and society and confidence to continue studying. He is entering LIT Winter Term.

If you have questions about LIT or the HEP program, call or email. If you think your student may benefit from either, let us know. We can make referrals.

Has your student done something that reflects improved literacy skills? Call or write with more student success stories.



- Ψ Do you have student sign-in sheets to turn in?
- Ψ I also need a new purple sheet from everyone. You should have received one already. Send them to us now.

THANKS! ☺  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### January Tutor Meetings

- **1/14/11:** Tutor Appreciation Lunch, Columbia Hall, rm. 219, from 11:30-1:00 PM. RSVP by making a lunch selection from the enclosed menu and call 338-2557 with your order.
- **1/24/11:** Volunteer Literacy Tutor Orientation for new and newly practicing tutors.
- **1/27/11:** Informal Tutor Gathering-meet your fellows and discuss what's important to you.
- **02/11:** 10:00-1:00 PM. We will have a tutor training addressing a specific skill.

### Departmental News

Clatsop Community College has a new website with many more offerings than the old site. You can still access the site at the same address:

<http://www.clatsopcc.edu/>

And the new Volunteer Literacy address is:

<http://www.clatsopcc.edu/academics/academic-departments/foundation-skills-institute/volunteer-literacy>

Volunteer forms are accessible at

<http://www.clatsopcc.edu/academics/academic-departments/foundation-skills-institute/volunteer-literacy/volunteer-literacy-for>