



LITERACY MATTERS

The Literacy and English Talk Time Programs at the Thomas Crane Public Library

Fall 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



PURLING PEOPLE TOGETHER



Say Hello to Our New Volunteers!



After 21 hours of training, plenty of homework, and lots of dedication, they're officially tutoring! Please join us in welcoming our amazing new volunteers.

Stitch, Chat & Connect Every Wednesday, 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM In the Classroom No Registration Required



Being part of this class has been such a joy. Together, we share stories, learn from one another, and create hats, scarves, and more through knitting and crochet. Most of all, we laugh, support one another, and build new friendships along the way.

If you're looking for a welcoming, cozy group that creates beautiful things while strengthening our connection to the community and library, we'd love for you to join us.



Upcoming Volunteer Chat Times



FOR LITERACY & TALK TIME VOLUNTEERS

Thursday, March 12 | 12:00–2:00 PM

Join Molly and Mary for a special *volunteer* luncheon! Enjoy a delicious lunch, discover new resources we've found, and connect with fellow volunteers while learning more about the great work happening across the program. This gathering is our way of saying thank you for all that you do—and a chance for everyone to come together, relax, and have some fun.

FOR 1:1 LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

Every "Chat Time" comes with a lively topic to spark conversation! Attend whenever you can - we'd love to see you!

- Wednesday, **Feb 18**, 10:00-11:30 AM
- Thursday, **April 16**, 10:00-11:30 AM

You can join us in-person or on Zoom.

Exciting New Resource: English Unlocked



We recently purchased English Unlocked from Literacy Minnesota, a practical and engaging English literacy curriculum designed specifically for adult learners. It includes clear, teacher-written lesson plans, real-life stories, and meaningful reading, writing, and phonics practice from Beginning Literacy through Advanced levels.

Learn more on their website:

<https://www.literacymn.org/english-unlocked>

Let me know if you'd like to try it—I'm happy to share more details by email!



Student Event for 1:1 Literacy Students

Slices of Life is our annual celebration honoring our Literacy students. This meaningful gathering brings everyone together to share pizza and desserts, read ***Voices of Literacy***—a beautiful collection of student stories—and enjoy a raffle with gift certificates. Above all, it's a time to come together as a community, support one another, and celebrate the hard work, courage, and achievements of our students.

Slices of Life Event will take place on **Tuesday, June 2, from 5:00–7:00 PM**. Please save the date if you are able to attend.

We need your help! Please encourage your student to contribute a piece of writing to the Student Journal. They may write about any topic they choose—such as their country, their first visit to the library, challenges they have overcome, or a favorite time of year. You are welcome to help your student write or to transcribe their words. Most importantly, this journal is a way for students' voices to be shared and heard.

Deadline for story submissions: May 18



Warm Clothing Donations

Did you know the library has warm clothing donation bins in the ground-floor atrium? If you're cleaning out your closet and have gently worn jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, or other warm items, please consider donating them. Your contributions will help community members stay warm this season.

