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OCALS LEARNING SERVICES—“LIGHTING THE WAY TO LEARNING”

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JOIN US FOR OUR EXCITING NEW READING PROGRAM!

OCALS Learning Services has a new reading program at ABCD at Holley. Please join us in this rewarding experience. We're looking for adults who love to read to children. This is an easy volunteer experience. One time only! No commitment needed! Read to one child, read to several children or read to an entire classroom. Choose your own books to read. Choose your own times. (Morning from 9:15—11 am or afternoon at 3:00 pm). Contact us for more information:

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Grandma's and Grandpa's wanted!
(And all others who love to read to children....)



Orleans County Adult Learning Services (OCALS) has a unique opportunity for those who love to read to children. **No commitment needed!** We are looking for volunteers to read to the children at ABCD (Agri-Business Child Development Center) at Holley on a *one-time basis*. Reading will be in a classroom setting.

YES!! I would love to be included in this special opportunity to provide preschool children with the thrill of a good book!

Name _____
Phone # _____

(If you find that you love reading to these children and want to do it more often, we can discuss the requirements.)

**Reading to children opens their mind
and unlocks their imagination!**



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**Thank you Grandpa Gary Parker for
coming to read to us!**



**Thank you Grandma Pat
Parker for your great stories!**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

OCALS Learning Services is looking for a qualified person to fill the part-time contract position of *ESL Coordinator*. Must be fluent in Spanish and able to work flexible hours as needed by OCALS.

For more information please check out

*Employment
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OCALS LEARNING SERVICES 2015 Annual Tutor Training Workshop



Tutors (left to right) Catherine Wilson, Daniel Beaupre', Gayle Grabowski, Ann McElwee, Mary Lee Knights. (Back corner) Terry Wilbert, Tutor Trainer contracted to OCALS.

On February 7, 2015 OCALS Learning Services held its annual Tutor Training Workshop at the Hoag Library in Albion, NY. Terry Wilbert, Tutor Trainer contracted to OCALS, gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation using the library's smart board. Much of the information was taken from the 8th edition of *Tutor* published by New Readers Press. The following subjects were included in the training session:

Literacy in the 21st Century; adult learners; learning styles; philosophy of teaching reading; correlation to reading and writing; understanding learning disabilities; and entering the tutoring relationship with the client.

All new tutors are expected to attend these annual workshops and experienced tutors are advised to attend. These workshops provide important information on our services, our programs, and any new technology and reference materials recently acquired for tutoring purposes. It also gives our tutors a forum to discuss issues and problems as well as ask specific questions pertaining to their tutoring needs.

"SEEING LIKE AN ARTIST"

OCALS Learning Services is pleased to participate as fiscal sponsor for an art project local artist, Stacey Kirby, will be implementing with the Holley Central School District this spring. Stacey will be creating a nature themed mural that will be displayed in one of the hallways at Holley Elementary. The goal of the project is to encourage students to see the world as an artist sees it. The students in Mrs. Quaranto's third grade class will work with Stacey Kirby to learn the importance of observational drawing. They will learn to develop the skills of focus, patience, and attention to detail that are necessary as an artist, using nature as their inspiration. Students will learn to study and draw various shapes of leaves, and will be able to choose their favorite drawing to include in the mural.



This project will benefit the entire school as other students will be invited to visit the artist and see the painting at various stages as she works on the mural. At the end of the project participating students, parents, school and community will be invited to the unveiling of the finished mural. Student drawings created during the project will be displayed along with the newly created mural. Supplies such as leaves, paper and crayons will be made available for visitors to try their own observational drawings. Seasonal decorations and refreshments will complement the nature theme of this entire project.

OCALS would like to congratulate all students at Holley School District who participate in this project. We are looking forward to the unveiling of the finished mural. This will be another important artistic addition to our community, and special thanks to Stacey Kirby for including us in this exciting new art project.



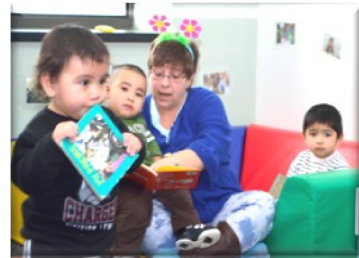
READ ACROSS AMERICA!

DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT ABCD AT HOLLEY



On March 2nd OCALS Learning Services was proud to be a part of a very special day for students at ABCD at Holley as we celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday together. Children were given Dr. Seuss birthday hats to wear as they sang Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss. They learned to recite a Reading Oath, colored Dr. Seuss pictures with their Dr. Seuss crayons, and put together Dr. Seuss puzzles. And of course.....Dr. Seuss books were read to the children!

Special thanks go out to Luci Welch, Lucille Roberts and Linda Scalzo for taking time out of their busy day to read to the children and provide them with Dr. Seuss themed activities. Please check out our facebook page at www.facebook.com/OCALS1 for more pictures of this fun day, and thank you Al Scalzo for taking the pictures!



SPRING IT ON!!

March 19, 8 am—March 20, 8 am
2015

Presenting a unique opportunity to donate to the literacy cause! OCALS Learning Services will be participating in a 24 hour **internet** give-a-thon. Your donations will help us provide **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** literacy services to residents of Orleans County and surrounding areas.

Please visit
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to make your donation.

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24 HOUR GIVE-A-THON
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Joseph Epstein once said,

“We do not choose to be born. We do not choose our parents, or the country of our birth. We do not, most of us, choose to die; nor do we choose the time and conditions of our death. But within this realm of choicelessness,

we do choose how we live.”

Thank you to all who have chosen to better the life of others through the gift of reading and education!

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