

## Yes, we can....

The L&CLC is important to Helena because low literacy levels affect educational advancement, economic and community development, health, global competitiveness and criminal justice issues.

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Since 1988 we have been giving people hope to overcome these issues and we need your partnerships with us to continue this important service.



### ESL Numbers Increase

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is the fastest growing area of the adult basic education system. Nearly 32 million people in the U. S. speak languages other than English -- a 38 percent increase since 1980.

### Ways You Can Support the L&C Literacy Council

- Make a personal donation to the L&C Literacy Council. Contributions are tax-deductible.
- Tell friends, co-workers, or family members to refer persons with Literacy needs to the Council.
- Attend and participate in Literacy Council programs, meetings and initiatives.
- Consider serving on the board of the Literacy Council or a local program.
- Become a volunteer tutor for a literacy program and advocate for your company to grant employees an hour of paid leave time each week to volunteer for literacy.
- If your office is getting a new copier, fax machine, or computer, advocate for the old equipment to be donated to a literacy program in your community.
- Consider replacing holiday gift baskets for co-workers, employees, customers or clients with a literacy donation in their honor.

## *“Unmatched Patience, Kindness and Love of Learning”*



*Anna Jones*



*2008*

*Tutor of the Year*

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Anna with her good friend and Student, Dong

Anna Jones, a retired teacher, joined the Literacy Council after completing her Tutor Training nearly 10 years ago. She was originally matched with a basic reading student and after completing several goals with that student, Anna was matched with Ai Wu. Today, Ai Wu, an English as a Second Language student, is successfully employed in the Helena area and continues to take Pre-GED classes at the Adult Learning Center.

Kyungja, was Anna's next student. Kyungja, another ESL student, was from Korea. Anna and her student were not only a great match, but also became great friends. Kyungja now lives with her husband in Great Falls.

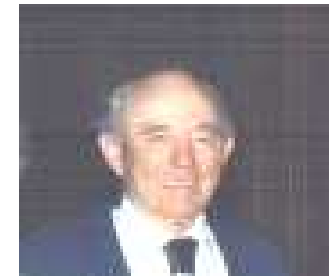
Around 2001, Anna was matched with Dong. Dong came here from China and works at the Jade Garden Restaurant. While many of Dong's co-workers spoke Cantonese, Dong spoke mainly Mandarin (Putonghua). He was not only learning English, he was learning Cantonese!

Dong has successfully polished his English language and American life skills. He continues to work at Jade Garden and some of their affiliate restaurants. Dong is happily settled in America with his wife and son. Soon his son, an honor student, will attend a university in the North West.

Anna and Dong continue to work together and meet both as friends, student and teacher.

Anna's kindness and generosity of spirit is evident in all her dedicated work as a volunteer. Anna now serves as Board member of the Council and as tutor!

Thank you, Anna, you have truly improved the lives of many of our community members!



*Billy Muldowney*

*Bill Muldowney was the coordinator of the Lewis & Clark Literacy Council for nearly 13 years. He helped the Council become accredited through Literacy Volunteers of America. Bill was well loved by all who knew him. Upon his passing in 2004, Bill's wife, Frances, chose to remember her husband's work with Literacy by establishing the Tutor of the Year Award.*

In the U.S., **30 million** people over age 16 — **14 percent** of the country's adult population — don't read well enough to understand a newspaper story written at the eighth grade level or fill out a job application.

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