



Valencia County Literacy Council

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Adult Learner Literacy Leaders Visit their Local Government Representatives

Literacy is an effort, all over the country, that cuts across political lines and helps people pull themselves up by their bootstraps.

One of the core values of the Valencia County Literacy Council (VCLC) is our support for Adult Learner Leadership. Leadership starts with being effective in our own lives and finding our own voices in the world. Starting from this base, VCLC works with students who are ready to do projects to help their communities and to represent themselves and other adult learners to decision makers in the world.

We are really fortunate at VCLC to have many adult learners who are ready to step up and lead. One such leader is Board member Cynthia Mabe, who has twice been to international conferences in Washington, D.C. visiting our national leaders.

In addition, 20 of our English Language Learners visited Representative Andrew Barreras at his Los Lunas business, Casa de Pizza, this year, and our preschool staff went on to have a very enlightening conversation with Senator Michael Sanchez. Representative Elias Barela gave students a civics lesson in May in their classroom.

Valencia County Literacy Council English language and GED students with Representative Andrew Barreras at Casa de Pizza in Los Lunas.



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BOOK Club Encourages Literacy and Community Involvement

--By Tutor Mary Clark

I am an Educational Specialist working on literacy and computer skills with students with developmental disabilities from the Los Lunas Community Program.

We meet at UNM Valencia campus, but students in my program are encouraged to participate in a monthly book club held at Uptown ABQ Borders on the second Friday of every month. The themes of most of our books coincide with the Albuquerque Little Theater (ALT) plays.

Over the past two years, we have read and seen so many wonderful plays, such as *Romeo and Juliet*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *A High School Musical*, and *White Christmas*. In April, we prepared for the play called “The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf.”

On April 27, we went for brunch at Little Anita’s and afterward to ALT to see a 1950’s style Rock-n-Roll version of the play. The music was fantastic and the characters came alive!

If you are interested in attending our Book Club, please feel free to call me, Mary Clark, at (505) 610 2750.



BOOK Readers Needed at Literacy!



VCLC is desperately seeking new BOOK Readers! If you can give about 1 hour per week (we work around vacations), you can change a child's life and help that child become a reader forever. All it takes is a simple training with Lori Griego, our BOOK Coordinator (865-1878, lgriego@valencialiteracy.org). Call today!

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