

Teton Literacy Center

## Volunteer Newsletter



Dear Volunteers,

We hope that you have been enjoying the last days of fall! Our tutoring and enrichment sessions are now in full swing. We are still actively recruiting volunteers for the school year. If you have a friend or family member who is interested in tutoring feel free to bring them to one of your sessions so they can see if it is right for them.

Sincerely,

TLC Staff

### Maintaining Interest While Reading

As your students begins reading books that may span multiple sessions, you may find that their interest level might fluctuate as time goes on. By establishing an intrinsic motivation to read as well as ownership of the text we can strive to create a lasting interest in one text.

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Changing Lives Through the  
Power of Literacy

### Upcoming Events

#### New Volunteer Trainings

October 27th, 5:30 pm  
November 1st, 5:30pm  
December 8th, 12:00 pm

TLC needs more tutors! Do you know someone else who would make a great tutor or volunteer? Do you have extra time to donate while you're waiting for your child? No experience needed.

#### Jackson's Got Talent

Saturday, November 12th

Join us at the Pink Garter for the most talented fundraiser of the year! [Voting](#) is going on now.

Visit [jacksonsgottalent.org](http://jacksonsgottalent.org) for details or to purchase tickets.

In order to foster intrinsic motivation to read tutors can identify topics that their students are interested in. Teton Literacy Center has a wide variety of text to choose from. Let us know what kinds of text your student responds to, and we can make this available for your sessions. We have a large variety of non-fiction, fiction, graphic novels, and illustrated upper level beginner chapter books.

Providing students with a sense of ownership over their reading will also help foster long term motivation. If your student is struggling to finish a book feel free to let them choose the next one from the library. If your student is overwhelmed by the amount of options, make sure you narrow it down to one specific shelf within their reading level.

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## Capturing Student Interest

Over the upcoming months your tutor coach will most likely present you with the opportunity to begin a student interest projects. Student interest projects are ongoing projects that will engage your students on multiple levels. Your project will be scheduled into your plan, in 20 minute blocks. Students will research, read, write and create over the weeks in order to have a completed project to display for their parents and friends.

Your tutor coach will provide you with a variety of options when beginning an interest project. Let us know if your student will benefit from a hands on and authentic approach to their studies. Student interest projects provide a sense of ownership for students and allow them the opportunity to use their newly acquired skills in a way that is exciting and engaging.

### **Example Projects include:**

- Study about and build a robot
- Create a children's book
- Develop an Animal Habitat
- Create an informational video

## 10 Comprehension Questions For Fiction Reading & Discussion

1. What do you predict...?
2. How would you feel if you were a character in this story? How can you tell what the characters are feeling?
3. What is the setting like? Would you want to live there or visit there? Why or why not?
4. Are your predictions coming true? If not, do you want to update them?
5. Can you make a connection to what we just read? Does a certain character remind you of anybody?

## Volunteer of the Month

### Rhonda & Nathan Watson

Rhonda and Nathan are both highly reliable volunteers, in addition to being mother-and-son! Both Rhonda and Nathan work in our tutoring program, maintaining up-beat attitudes and positive learning environments throughout their sessions. We can tell their students love having them at TLC just as much as we do, given that they ask for them by name! A huge thank you to this fabulous duo for all of your hard work!

