

Between Us



Learner Leader Program

Palm Beach County Library Adult Literacy Project

Spring/ Summer 2010



REMEMBERING NORMA HENDRICKSON

By Brandon Light

On February 20, 2010, Norma Hendrickson passed away after a long fight with cancer. Through the years, she has changed the lives of many people. Since she was a child, Norma had always dreamed of being a teacher. After achieving her dream, she became committed to educating others.

In 1995 she became an Adult Literacy Specialist with the Palm Beach Library System. Norma spent the next fifteen years growing with the Library System and its students. She recruited and trained tutors. She also matched tutors with adult learners. Everyone, who had the pleasure of working with Norma, insisted that she always believed in her students. By celebrating their accomplishments, she gave each of them the extra confidence they needed to continue learning. Norma is missed by her many friends, coworkers, tutors and students. She will always be remembered as a very kind and giving person.

A YEAR OF SERVICE TO NEVER FORGET

By Brandon Light

This past year, I have been an Americorps volunteer at the Library Literacy Project. During the year I was able to do many great things and meet lots of amazing people that I will never forget. Since August 2009 I have taught conversational English classes at six libraries. This allowed me to meet and teach a variety of people from all over the world. While teaching these men and women, I learned a great deal about culture, traditions, and different ways of thinking.

In addition, throughout my year I was able to meet wonderful adults who were interested in learning more about computers. These students were patient as I developed and began a computer class for many learning levels. All of my students have shown great improvement and made me confident that I can make a difference as a teacher. I want to thank all of my English Exchange and Computer students for making comments and asking questions that challenged me. I will never forget your enthusiasm, dedication, and respect as I move forward in my teaching career.



YEAR IN PHOTOS



Lake Worth Playhouse presents “Swing”
Elaine B., Roosevelt L., and Esther L.



Lake Worth Playhouse presents “Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat” Renee N., Lucy C., and Harry D.



Computer Thursdays at the Annex
Danielle R., Ines T., Brandon Light, Yno P.,
and Marie P.



West Boca Branch English Exchange
Isabel V., Georgina D., Lita S., Yolanda L.,
Sharlum D., and Brandon Light



Hello all! My name is Yri (Edy) Del Bosque the new Glades Literacy Specialist for the Glades area. I have the pleasure to meet and work with some great students and co-workers! Since beginning we have increased our numbers to eight students and recruitment efforts have been in progress for possible new tutors for our dedicated students.

In the coming months I look forward to the many events and programs that will be held. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who would like to volunteer their time as a tutor in the Glades area, please let us know. I can be reached at 561-996-3453. As you can see, we are back on track to making the Glades Literacy program the best!

Yri Del Bosque

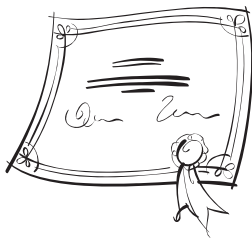
FIRST TIME MOTHER

By Brenda Tapia
Lantana Road Branch

As a first time mother, I'm new at this parenting stuff, but it's not like babies come with a guide on how to raise them. I think, as a parent, it is important to teach your child to be respectful and prepare them for school.

As a parent, you should try to change bad habits that you don't want your child learning from you. Children learn more from what you do than by what you say. My husband is a real hot head and he gets mad really fast. So, he tries to be careful in the way he expresses his anger.

I watch the way I speak. I tend to slip and say bad words and I really don't want my son talking like that. So, I changed my way of saying things. For me, the most important thing is for my son to treat others as he would like others to treat him. I want my son to be caring of peoples feelings. I think that if you're a respectful and caring person you would be a much happier and stress free person with more opportunities.



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Catherine Hu
Okeechobee Boulevard Branch



“If I had one day to change the world,
what would I do and why?”

-PEACE IN THE WORLD-

Too many people are dying in wars and because of wars the economy is very bad. The people are losing their jobs, and there is no income coming into their homes. So, they try to rob people for money, if they don't get the money they will kill that person. They don't care how much pain and grief the family is going to go through.

There is no love in people's hearts anymore. That is why I want to go on international television and radio to tell people that hurting each other will not solve our problem, sometimes we live in fear. Please try and bring peace in the world. Then, I think about our men and women who are going to fight. Both countries and families suffer because of it.

I always pray to God to open peoples eyes and let them see what they are doing. When they hurt innocent people, they don't even care that the children are also being killed. God bring peace to the world.

MY FAVORITE PET

By Lourie Tate
Boynton Beach City Library

I would like to tell you a little about my new favorite pet. But first, I want to tell you a little about my past pets.

First, there was Cameo and she was a Galfon Cockatoo. She was a very sweet bird, except at night around 10:00 PM. When the news came on, she would start making loud noises and playing rap-tat-tat on her cage. She didn't stay long.

Then, there was Stormy our Great Dane. He was so big that when he dug a hole, you could bury a person in it. He didn't stay long

Another pet was Nebbles Pibbles the squirrel. She would leave presents for me in my shoes. She would hide in closets then jump out at you. This did not please my husband. She didn't stay long either.

Now we have Manny. He stands two feet tall and about two and a half feet long. He is solid black. Everyday I come home, no matter what kind of day I am having, he stands there at the door waiting for me. He makes no noise, so there is no complaining. He can't move unless you move him so he can't get in the way.

Manny is an elephant, a stuffed elephant. He is the only pet I have ever had that can't get into trouble. I have a feeling he will be around for a long time, unless he gets broken.

MY EXPERIENCE AT THE LAKEWORTH PLAYHOUSE

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”

By Sonia Exantus
Lantana Road Branch

I enjoyed going to the theatre. My kids liked it too. They did not want to go home. We had fun. We laughed. It made us happy.

HURRICANE SEASON

By Brandon Light

Important steps to prepare

- Decide with your family what to do in the event you are required to evacuate.
- Decide on a relative or friend out of state that can be contacted in an emergency.
- Ask if emergency plans are in place at work.
- Find out your children's schools or day care facilities emergency plans.
- Decide what to do with your pets if you are required to evacuate.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Fire Rescue—712-6200
American Red Cross—833-7711
FEMA—1-800-621-3362
FPL Power Outages—697-8000
PBC Animal Care and Control—233-1200

Emergency radio coverage during a hurricane.

WPBF Channel 25: 97.9 FM WRMF
WPEC Channel 12: 98.7 FM WKGR
WPTV Channel 5: 104.3 FM WEAT
107.9 FM WIRK 103.1 FM WBZT



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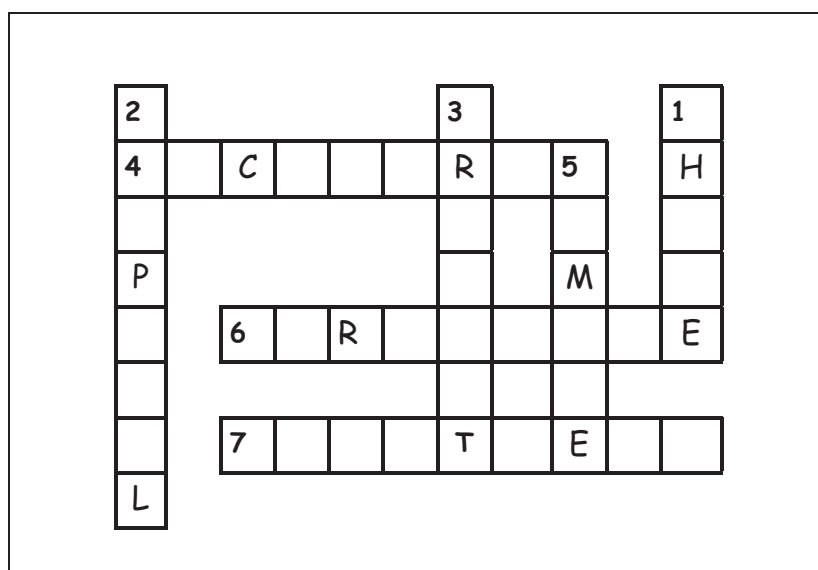
HURRICANE ACTIVITIES

Hurricane Word Find

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Hurricane Crossword Puzzle

Hurricane Clues



| Across | |
|--------|--|
| 4 | To get back something lost |
| 6 | Tropical storm with violent wind and heavy rain |
| 7 | Most powerful |
| Down | |
| 1 | Another word for coast |
| 2 | Palm Beach Climate |
| 3 | To make an educated guess about what will happen in the future |
| 5 | Harm or injury that lessens value |

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