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*HiSET Completers:
Alex C.
Alexandra H.
Collin H.
Kevin B.
Sean G.
Stephanie M.*



**LIFT participates in
The Festival of Trees at
James A. Tuttle Library in Antrim**

FUNDING AND SUPPORT IN 2015 FOR PROJECT LIFT!!!

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TAMMY MCCLURE, NORMAN TROTTIER, ANN WHITNEY



Classes with Seniors

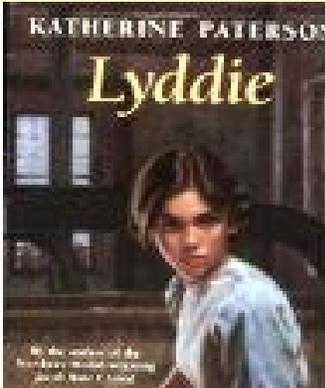
LIFT was the recipient of a \$5000.00 literacy grant from the Dollar General Foundation in March 2015. The intent of the grant is to expand services to the Greater Hillsboro Area and surrounding towns. Letters of support were provided by many local libraries, and organizations as a collaboration for this effort.

So far, we have utilized the funds to purchase materials, organize a computer class at Fuller Public Library for seniors from the Hillsboro area and expand services to Antrim and Peterborough students. LIFT currently has a presence at Southern NH Services Riverview Apartments and The River Center Family Resource Center in Peterborough, as well as a continued relationship with the Grapevine Family Resource Center in Antrim.

Additional funds from the grant will allow for purchase of new computers, additional computer classes, updated HiSET materials and scholarships for the HiSet exam.

NH HUMANITIES COUNCIL CONNECTIONS BOOK DISCUSSION

Stephanie Minter-Humanities Facilitator



At left, **Norman Trotter** demonstrates his only protection from dust when working as a college student at Hillsboro Woods Woolen Mills.



Maiya, a 2012 LIFT graduate, now raises her son, works and attends SNHU for an English Literature degree.

Moments From Our Classroom 2015



Katrina & Trish



Becca



Kevin



Clare & Rachel

Project LIFT receives Dollar General Grant



Fuller Public Library/Project LIFT receives \$5000.00 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to support adult education in Hillsboro and surrounding towns.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded Project LIFT funding to increase services to residents of Hillsboro and surrounding towns for those seeking instruction for academics, computers or job skills.

Judy Fournier, Director of the LIFT Program wrote the grant, outlining the collaboration between several area towns and organizations. The grant will help expand services in Hillsboro and several rural towns.

Among those who provided letters of support for the Dollar General Grant were: The Grapevine Family Resource Center, Fuller Public Library, Hillsboro Senior Citizens Organization, Bennington Town Library, Peterborough Town Library, Southern NH Family Services and The River Center Family Resource Center in Peterborough. LIFT has had a presence at these locations and will be able to continue to provide these services thanks to the generosity of Dollar General.

LIFT has already begun outreach and expanded services at Fuller Public Library with an 8 week computer instruction class for senior citizens. The grant will allow for more equipment, materials, and additional hours for all LIFT students.

LIFT has served over 1300 people over the years with GED instruction, basic education, computer skills and job/college readiness. Residents from towns as far as Temple and Jaffrey have accessed the program. Hundreds of hours have been provided by volunteer tutors as well.

"It is exciting to see the impact grants from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation make throughout the country, especially as we cross the \$100 million threshold in overall donations and the difference it has made to nearly six million people," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "The Dollar General Literacy Foundation truly embodies the company's mission of *Serving Others* throughout the communities we serve."

"LIFT is unlike the larger adult education programs, we have only two paid staff," Fournier explains, "we write grants and ask for support each year." "I can't tell you how many success stories we have from students who were part of our program." "A huge thank you to all the surrounding towns, businesses and now Dollar General, for recognizing the importance of literacy."

Project LIFT is located at 63 West Main Street in Hillsboro with satellite locations in surrounding towns. For more information, call: 603-464-5285.



Lois and Liny

Liny Bradley is an amazing student. She first started her academic journey with us in February of 2014. Her first goal, passing her HiSet, was achieved by November the same year. I have rarely seen any student work as diligently as Liny; she needed to not only grasp the content of the HiSet material, but was translating at the same time. In addition to studying for her test, Liny finished dozens of books since she first came here as a student. We were so very lucky when her current tutor, Lois, came to us out of nowhere, so it seemed. Lois started tutoring Liny nearly a year ago. Together, Lois and Liny have read countless books, focused on hundreds of vocabulary words, discussed history, culture and language. Lois, who works for Bank of America, found our brochure and thought she might enjoy tutoring, "in her spare time", which she has very little of. Lois speaks five languages, has broad education and work experience and was a former volunteer for children and adults. Lois works for Bank of America that offers a grant program for their employees who volunteer. Based on the number of hours volunteered by the employee, there are cash awards given to pre-approved organizations. Lois is tallying up her volunteer hours toward earning a grant for LIFT!

Liny and Lois often "Skype" their lessons when Lois is too busy to come into the office and Liny is home with her son, Sam.

Lois is always sharing tidbits of interesting reading materials such as this short story e-books link....check it out!

<http://www.eastoftheweb.com/short-stories/UBooks/Inn.shtml>

From Judy's Desk

We are proud to have achieved two major goals this year at Project LIFT; we have been awarded a generous grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and have increased our literacy efforts in years 2014-2015.

On such effort of increasing our literacy efforts came with help from NH Humanities Counsel through a *Connections Book Discussion* Program. We were able to bring students and community together for reading, history and refreshments.

The Dollar General Grant was a substantial effort that was well worth the effort. We can update our technology, -purchase updated materials, help with scholarships and expand services in Hillsboro and in our surrounding satellite locations.

We have had some amazing readers this past year in our program. Selection of best reads included:

The Giver...Lois Lowry
Hatchet....Gary Paulsen
Forever & Ever...David Elliott
Sadako & the Thousand Cranes..Eleanor Coerr
Legend.....Marie Lu

My favorites included:
The Historian/The Swan Thieves...Elizabeth Costova
The Man Called OVE....Fredrik Backman
The Art Forger....B.A. Shapiro.
Invisible Ellen.....Shari Shattuck
Saint Odd...Dean Koontz
Chief Armand Gamache Series.....Louise Penny

Increasing our lending library will continue this year at LIFT and with the generosity of Dollar General, we will be able to purchase a few more favorites.

HiSet Update!!!

The HiSet High School Equivalency Test reflects college and career readiness; Educational; Testing Service has designed the test to align with the College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education released by the Office of Vocational And Adult Education in April 2013. What does this mean to an adult education student? Is the test similar or extremely different than **the former GED??**

In a nutshell, students are still coming to study, and they need to study consistently, the reading and comprehension is certainly no less difficult on the HiSet than it was on the GED. The subject questions, for instance, will weave language arts questions, into a Social Studies test. It is never so important to emphasize reading and to read often. The math test has seen the biggest change, no doubt. The knowledge base a student needs for the HiSet math test is much broader than the GED.

Here at LIFT, we congratulate six students who have tested the waters and jumped in and passed the HiSet in 2015 to date:

Sean G.
Collin H.
Kevin B.
Alex C.
Stephanie M.
Alexandra H.

For extensive information about the HiSet, visit their site on-line or call Project LIFT for more information.

In fall of 2014 Project LIFT was awarded a NH Humanities Grant that supported a *Connections* book discussion held at Fuller Public Library in October. Our feature story was *Lyddie* by Katherine Patterson that recalls the struggles of young girls working in textile mills in the turn of the 19th century. Our Humanities host was Stephanie Minter, a former children's librarian, taught Spanish and is a writer and weaver. Stephanie brought knowledge and interest to our discussions that focused on not only the backdrop of *Lyddie*, but of the lives of working in mills right in New Hampshire. With the experience of another guest of this discussion, Norman Trottier, we heard first hand tales of working at Woods Woolen Mills when he was a young student saving for college tuition.

We also shared reading a book of poems by Garrison Keillor, *Good Poems for Hard Times*. This book was full of poetry pertaining to everyday struggles that often offered insight into how people view these struggles and tackle them. This book of poems prompted a poetry writing exercise led by Stephanie that resulted in some extraordinary poetry written by LIFT students.

Life in a BoxNicole P.

Boxes, boxes, everywhere.
Big boxes, little boxes,
Square boxes, rectangle boxes.

Amazing how easily years of your life
can be put into a bunch of boxes.

Shuffled around, opened, closed
Emptied, filled, sealed.
Pushed aside, forgotten and remembered.

Amazing how easily years of your life
can be put into a bunch of boxes.

Memories stored away, feelings and emotions.
All neatly tucked away,
until the next moving day.

Though the memories don't go away,
the boxes do at times, they stray away
or get lost on the way.

Maybe to make room for more memories,
and more boxes to be packed away

Amazing how easily years of your life
can be put into a bunch of boxes.

The other book of choice for the fall of 2014 was, *Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates. In addition to learning about being a free black man that lived in nearby Jaffrey, NH, this book offered opportunity to study great vocabulary words such as: *abeyance* (temporary inactivity), *redress* (with help), and *manacled* (shackled). This story portrayed a man whose desire to share what freedom meant to him, with others in his life, prompted a lively discussion about slavery, freedom and what most of us now take for granted in our everyday lives.

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