

MARC Connections

MARC Participates in NLD Pilot Program



The Montcalm Area Reading Council has been accepted as a participant in Adult Learning Communities, the National Literacy Directory's new, free professional development course. The 8-week online cohort will focus on student recruitment, engagement, and persistence, program challenges,

and solutions for rural communities. In addition to instruction, MARC will also receive ongoing coaching, a stipend to implement innovative solutions, and the opportunity to present at the National Center for Families Learning Conference. MARC is one of twelve organizations participating from across the US.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Literacy Event
Thursday, November 8
10:00 AM

MARC Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 13
8:00 AM

Tutor Workshop
Monday, December 10
6:00 PM

MARC Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 11
8:00 AM

What
ARE...You
Thankful
for?

What are you thankful for? MARC learners shared their answers to this question. Here are some of their responses:

"I am learning to read!"

"I think I'm making my family proud. I'm thankful for that."

"I'm thankful my friend told me about tutoring. Here I am!"

"I needed help and my tutor is helping me. I'm thankful for people who are kind."

"I am thankful for my family and my friends and learning."

"I am thankful for my new opportunities."

Happy Thanksgiving from MARC! We are thankful for your support and your partnership.



Every Click Counts

Do you follow MARC on social media? If so, do you like and share our posts? Does it really matter?

YES! Those simple actions make a big difference. As a nonprofit organization, we rely on social media to raise awareness, which leads to volunteer recruitment and donor connections.



If you visit our Facebook page, you will find interesting articles, upcoming events, resources, photos, and more. But the real value happens when an interested audience—someone like you—gets engaged. Right now, we have a waiting list of people who hope to be matched with a tutor so they can improve their literacy skills *and their lives*. How can we reduce the list? With volunteers and financial support. That means we need awareness. And you can create it.

Here is an easy way to help: follow Montcalm Area Reading Council on Facebook. And don't stop there. When you see our photos, announcements, and events, *like and share our posts!* That simple action helps ensure that more and more people notice and engage in our cause. Every click counts!

Are there ways you can engage without social media? Of course! Become a donor, share our newsletter, visit our website, or mention MARC to a friend. Every one of these actions helps us generate awareness. Together, we can help end illiteracy and change lives in Montcalm County.

Thank You!

Many thanks to the **White Pine Library** for hosting our recent tutor training. Tasty snacks and a cozy location provided a perfect setting for learning. If your organization or group is interested in volunteer tutoring for MARC, we can bring our training to you! Please contact Kristen Kohn at 616-754-1391 ext 4 or by email at marchelpsu@gmail.com.

Save the Date

The next Tutor Workshop will be Monday, December 10 at 6:00 PM at the Flat River Community Library. Come enjoy refreshments with fellow tutors and take away new ideas to incorporate in your tutoring sessions. Please RSVP by Friday, December 7.



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New Tutors Needed!

MARC has a waiting list of learners who need volunteer tutors. You have the power to help one of them become a reader. Call 616-754-1391 to find out more, or stop by the MARC office, located inside the Flat River Community Library.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, **What are you doing for others?**"
- Martin Luther King, Jr



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