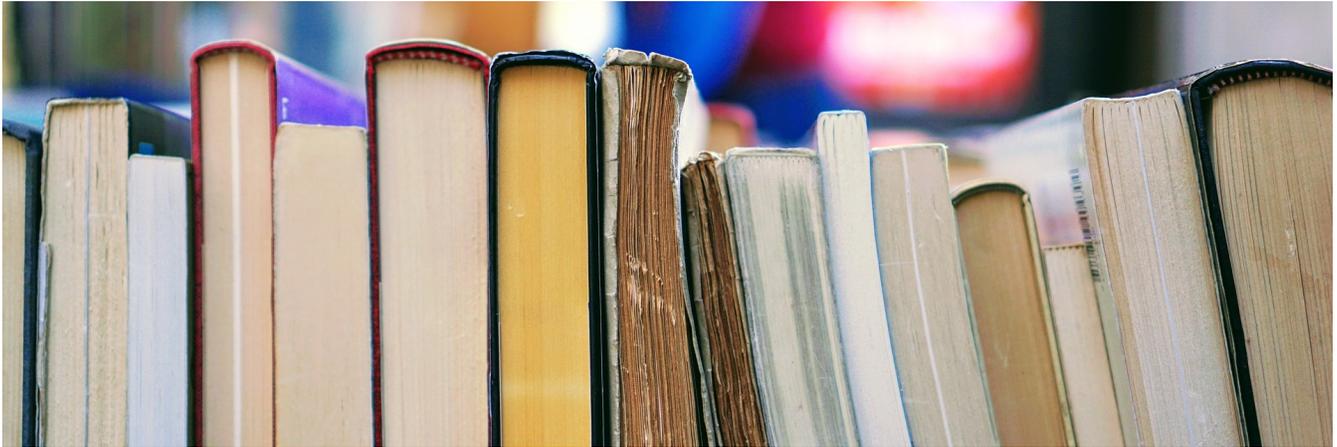


# MARC CONNECTIONS



## A Tutor's Perspective

### An Interview with Don Veitengruber

In 2006, an article in The Daily News caught the attention of Don Veitengruber. The article was about a upcoming series of tutor training classes. Don signed up and was soon paired with his first learner, Jakub, an exchange student from Poland. Over the years, Don has worked with many learners. In honor of National Volunteer Week, Don has agreed to share his thoughts on the tutoring experience.

#### What has been your most memorable tutoring moment?

I have spent many wonderful hours with students over the years. Each one has been special. For several months in 2007, we had the opportunity to work with students who were displaced workers from Electrolux. Classes were held in the UAW Local 137 union hall. Variety has been the spice of life in working with a number of students over the years.

#### Tell me about one of your favorite lessons.

There have been many interesting lessons. Most recently, we read a story in the Explorer series about chickens hatching, a story of particular interest to my student, since he is involved in the egg production business.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

New Tutor Training  
April 23 & 25  
6:00-8:00 PM  
MCC TLC G113

Volunteer Appreciation  
Potluck & Awards  
April 29  
6:00 PM  
Flat River Comm Library  
RSVP by April 26

MARC Annual Meeting  
& Board Meeting  
May 14  
8:00 AM  
MCC TLC G113

MARC Board Meeting  
June 11  
8:00 AM  
MCC TLC G113

## March is Reading Month

March is Reading Month and MARC celebrated by promoting reading throughout our community. Did you know books and crowns are a good combination? MARC hosted a Reading with Royalty event at the Flat River Community Library. Miss Danish Festival Lena Hansen and Court read several stories to the crowd. Many thanks to the Danish Festival for helping us share the joy of reading!

The celebrating continued with a fun #DadsReadToo event. MARC partnered with EightCAP, Inc, Montcalm County Head Start, and MSU Extension to host the event. Head Start students and their dads read books and grocery ads together, participated in a literacy activity, and made a fruit salad. It was a delicious day.



Above: Jeff was presented with a certificate and Subway gift card!

MARC tutors and learners participated in the MARC Challenge. Anyone who attended 3 sessions during the month of March was entered into a gift card drawing. Congratulations to our winner, Jeff, and a big thank you to everyone who participated and made attendance a priority!



Above: Listening to stories at the Reading with Royalty event

Right: Miss Danish Festival Lena Hansen poses for a picture with Clara Devries, age 5



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### What would you say to someone who is thinking about becoming a tutor?

You can help students toward achieving their goals and improving their lives. At the same time, you receive so much for yourself, because the student is not the only learner. Classes are held at a time that works both for the student and for the tutor. I would call that a win-win situation.

*Don Veitengruber has been a MARC Tutor since 2006. He is retired and resides in Greenville.*



## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

*Together we grow!*

Volunteer Appreciation  
Potluck & Awards

**Save the date for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Potluck & Awards, Monday, April 29 at 6 pm. Tutors and learners are invited to attend this special event.**

**RSVP by Friday, April 26.**

## 2019 Reading

In January, we asked MARC learners what they wanted to read in 2019. Here are some of their responses:

"I want to read something that makes me laugh."

"Little House on the Prairie books."

"Finish the Mr. Putter books."

"I want to read maps and practice reading menus."

"I'm going to read a good book."



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