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## Essays Wanted

*2010 Florida Adult Learner Essay Book*

Adult literacy students from throughout Florida are invited to submit original short stories, poems or autobiographical narratives to be included in a published book that will debut at the 2010 Florida Literacy Conference. The deadline is March 1, 2010.

For questions, [contact Bryan McCormack](#) (407) 246-7110 x 207

## Tutors Only

LVLC is building a tutors-only page on our website. If you have ideas and exercises, or if you'd like to compare notes with other tutors, you can place them on this page.

# News for LVLC Volunteers

## *Free Student Day at Annual Literacy Conference on Captiva Island in May 2010*

The Florida Literacy Coalition's "[Open Books, Open Minds](#)" conference will offer a free day of lectures and activities, including lunch, to adult learners, such as your students.



This free day will be Wednesday, May 5. The conference is being held at beautiful South Seas Island Resort. The sessions have been coordinated by a committee of adult learners and will address areas such as health literacy and leadership skills.

For more information, [contact MaryAnne Aivaliotis](#). If enough students wish to attend, we will arrange for transportation and save the students the cost of the toll.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### RSVP Volunteer Fair

Lakes Regional Library, South Fort Myers  
Saturday, February 27, 2010  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Southwest Florida Reading Festival

Harborside Event Center, Downtown Fort Myers  
Saturday, March 20, 2010  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (2-hour shifts)

[Contact MaryAnne Aivaliotis](#) if you can help with the Volunteer Fair or Reading Festival, 415-3621.

### International Literacy Day READ-A-THON

Barnes & Noble Booksellers  
Wednesday, September 8, 2010  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We need a volunteer to work with our board on our second annual READ-A-THON to celebrate International Literacy Day. If you'd like to know more about this fun opportunity, please [contact Tess Murphy](#), 415-3621.

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## SAVE THE DATE

### 2010 Student/Tutor Potluck

This year's potluck will be Thursday, April 8. Please plan to attend this fun event with your student(s). If you and/or your students would like to help plan this event, [contact MaryAnne Aivaliotis](#).

## Upcoming LVLC Events

### **ACTS for Literacy**

Please join us on April 23 or 24 for a theatre event to support Literacy Volunteers. Thespian Productions will present a showcase of five original one-act plays to benefit LVLC at Alliance for the Arts, 10091



McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. The theme will be "Green Scenes" as the playwrights present original looks at "going green." Ticket price will be \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door and will include a lovely reception. [Read More](#)

### **Garage Sale for Literacy!**

*Saturday, March 27, 8 a.m. - noon*

*11332 Lakeland Circle, Fort Myers (Silver Lakes in Gateway)*

Please come to a garage sale hosted by Rachel Cooke, LVLC Board member and tutor-on-leave (she just had a baby). This is a community-wide garage sale in Rachel's neighborhood. You can shop or donate items to sell. If donating items, you can drop them off at Rachel's house at 7:30 a.m., or call Rachel at 768-2839 to drop them off earlier. You can price the items yourself or Rachel will do it for you. Rachel will deliver unsold items to Goodwill. Volunteers, extra tables, and truck to transport items to Goodwill after the event are needed. Please call Rachel if you can help out. This is a great way to put those items you no longer need to good use. All funds raised will benefit LVLC.

### **RUN for Reading**

*October 23-24, 2010*

*Captiva Island*

Our second annual RUN for Reading is being planned right now. Presented by [Internal Medicine Associates](#) and hosted by [South Seas Island Resort](#), this event will be a great success. You can volunteer at the event, or help us plan it, participate in the RUN or Aquathlon, or just attend and enjoy the beautiful grounds of South Seas Island Resort. We'll be releasing more information soon. LVLC is working to make this our annual signature fund-raising event. (If you'd like to help now, [contact Tess Murphy](#).)

## LVLC Presents Cultural Diversity Training

LVLC Program Director Kristin Przelomiec recently offered staff in-service cultural diversity training to the staff of [Southwest Florida Addiction Services](#) and [The Heritage Institute](#). The purposes of the training were to raise awareness of adult literacy issues in Lee County and to equip staff to interact more effectively with their clients who may have limited English proficiency, or may be unable to read and write. The training included identifying the characteristics of an ESL or Basic

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adult, experiencing the struggle of an ESL or Basic adult, and identifying accommodations within the workplace/school setting to achieve success with their clients.