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See you in September

LiteracyLinks is on hiatus until September 2012. In the meantime, learning will not stand still. Of interest:

Calendar & Opportunities

- June 16 & 23, **Tutor Training**, 9 am to 4 pm at Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Avenue, Portland. **Registration** is required. Telephone 971-722-6111 extension 3700.
- June 16, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, Multnomah County Library **GED Labs Orientation**, Rockwood Library. Attendees receive a scholarship to take the GED test at Londer Center. **Registration** is required.
- June 30, Tutor Discussion Group, 10 am to Noon. PCC, Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49th Avenue, Portland. Room SS 103. Please **RSVP** by Friday, June 29, Noon.
- September 8, International Literacy Day, 1 pm to 4 pm, Multnomah County Library, Central Branch, Collins Gallery.

GED Testing Milestones

Congratulations to the eighty 2012 GED graduates of the Donald H. Londer Learning Center. Established in 1993, the center has awarded 1,000 GED certificates. Program participants include adults on probation, parole and re-entry from prison and jail.

Big changes are in store for GED testing. If you know anyone who's in the process of taking the tests and can offer encouragement, please do so.

- 2013 — GED testing will transition to computer-only, so no more "paper & pencil" tests.
- 2014 — Look for a new and harder test. Anyone who hasn't finished the series of five tests will need to start from scratch.

Currently, the cost to take the GED is \$120, and **PLC**, Multnomah County Library, and local community colleges offer testing scholarships.

Portland ESL Network

A tab for **Summer ESL classes** has been added to the Portland ESL Network website. ESL Network volunteers Heidi Dryden, Ariana Chandler, Emilia Gilroy-Sander, and Patrik McDade update and maintain the website. Thanks for all of your hard work on this valuable resource.

Ciao! LiteracyLinks returns in September!

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