



# Portland Literacy Council

**Portland Literacy Council is an all-volunteer organization that provides these resources to volunteer literacy tutors.**

## **Annual Tutor Conference**

Each March, over 100 volunteer tutors, students, and ESL/ABE education professionals gather at Reed College to refresh and hone teaching skills and techniques. The Annual Conference is a great networking platform and gives adult education advocates opportunities to share experiences of students from other cultures, as well as understanding difficulties learners may have faced in the school system. The Annual Tutor Conference is jointly sponsored by Portland Literacy Council, Portland Community College, and the SEEDS (Students for Education, Empowerment, & Direct Service) Program at Reed College. Many local businesses provide door prizes for the luncheon program.

## **LiteracyLinks – Newsletter for Volunteer Tutors**

Typically published monthly from September to June, human interest articles in **LiteracyLinks** highlight adult learning experiences with a focus on tutors and students. Regular features include the Tutor Toolbox, PLC calendar items, and various training opportunities in the Portland metropolitan area. The newsletter is distributed by Email.

**Subscribe to LiteracyLinks at <[www://portlandliteracy.org/newsletter.html](http://www://portlandliteracy.org/newsletter.html)>.**

## **Awesome Tutor Techniques**

This is a new activity in 2014. PLC will host short training workshops each term covering techniques and tools for tutors. Awesome Tutor Techniques will be presented by adult education/ESOL professionals or experienced adult literacy advocates. Notices with agendas and requests for RSVPs are distributed via the **LiteracyLinks** mailing list. This is free activity.

## **Website <[www.portlandliteracy.org](http://www.portlandliteracy.org)>**

PLC's website provides a valuable and useful tutor/student resource.

- Events — Annual Tutor Conference
- Newsletter — Current and past editions of **LiteracyLinks**
- Students — links to ABE, ESL, and citizenship classes; resources
- Tutors - volunteer literacy tutor training schedule, a listing of programs using volunteer tutors, Internet resources, and ESOL student/tutor learning packets.
- GED — important news about GED testing, PLC GED testing scholarships
- About Us — Portland Literacy Council bio, mission, community partners, officers and board of directors, contact information.

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