**What Happens When You Combine Two Creative Tutors with Hundreds of Handouts?**

**Tutor Spotlight: Anna Jurczynski-Martin and Joan Kramer**

Anna Jurczynski-Martin and Joan Kramer are two very special volunteers who care deeply about making tutoring as accessible as possible. They understand how important it is to build a lesson plan efficiently and effectively because they've been there, waiting very patiently for that middle elevator and dashing into Reading Connections to make copies.

Anna spent her career as a Speech and Language Pathologist supporting people to use their voices and was willing to help Reading Connections in any way that she could. She also happens to have a special talent for organizing (just about everything.) She saw all of the useful lessons and handouts that were added to the Reading Connections' lesson bank and wanted to make it as useful as possible. So she began the big project of categorizing and filing all of these resources in the best way that she knew how. With her experience in language, she has a valuable lens when it comes to determining how these tools could be useful. She, of course, was open to collaborating and making sure that the system would be as effective as possible for every type of tutor so she joined forces with Joan Kramer, an amazing ABE tutor who has been with Reading Connections for almost 9 years. Anna and Joan worked together coming up with different ways to organize lessons and they are excited to share it with all of you. Joan hopes that “all of our fellow tutors will adopt it as an endless source of ideas and inspirations – and that they will be inspired to add materials to it that they have found work well with their students.”

You'll find their system set up in the filing cabinet across from Classroom A next to the bookcase. There are 3 drawers designated for these resources. You'll find a variety of tools from picture cards to engage your ESOL students to ABE grammar tools and math handouts. Sitting on top of the filing cabinet is a binder that lists all of the lessons available to you. There are placeholders that will help you keep your spot while you make copies and Reading Connections' staff are happy to answer any questions that you might have at the front desk.

We are so grateful to Anna and Joan. They are both incredible volunteers who connect with their students and bring a wealth of experience combined with a lot of heart to everything that they do.