

THIRD AVENUE PLAYWORKS | Q&A with Literacy Door County

1. What is the mission of Literacy Door County?

To share the power of learning English through education.

2. What are some of the main programs or services offered by the organization?

Our Goals:

- To provide tutors with training, materials, and ongoing support.
- To provide students with materials and ongoing support to further their education in the English language and/or to accomplish other established goals.
- To encourage advocacy throughout the community for our students, recognizing that they enrich Door County in their diversity.

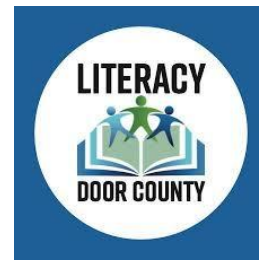
Components of the Program: Speaking, Reading, Writing, Math, Citizenship, Cultural Literacy, and GED support.

Ongoing Projects include:

- Student Page Updates: Student site with videos and other reference materials posted routinely.
- Literacy Tutor Training Workshops: LDC, Inc. routinely organizes tutor training workshops at Hope Church, in Sturgeon Bay. These workshops are led by qualified tutor trainers and mentors who introduce the participants to research-based practices for successful language learning.
- Literacy Tutor Round Tables: LDC, Inc. holds monthly tutor round tables at Hope Church, in Sturgeon Bay, on the first Thursday of every month from 4:00 to 6:00. Tutors are encouraged to drop by and stay as long as they are able. These sessions have proven extremely useful in keeping the tutors informed about methodology, upcoming events and any issues of relevance to the community we serve. They are also a great time to share experiences and an important motivational tool for all.

3. Can you share a meaningful or inspiring story from the past year highlighting your community work?

For the last two years, we have provided \$500 Student Awards to deserving bilingual high school seniors, to help them pursue post-high school training or education. This was funded by our First Annual Scrabble Tournament Fundraiser - a huge success! The date of the 2024 Tournament is Saturday, November 9 at Stone Harbor Resort.



4. What are some challenges Literacy Door County faces in carrying out its mission, and how are they addressed?

We are always looking for ways to educate the public about the work that we do. Many assume that we only provide tutoring to Spanish-speaking adults and that our tutors must speak Spanish to volunteer. This is certainly NOT the case! We provide tutoring to ANY adult who is struggling with reading and writing and our tutors do not need to speak any other language to teach.

5. Looking ahead, what are some of the organization's goals or priorities for the future?

We are continually looking for new resource materials to update our instruction, and new opportunities for our students to practice what they are learning. We are also looking to expand our Board of Directors and volunteer base, representing all parts of the county.

6. What is the best way for the community to support these efforts?

Follow us on Facebook or go to our website to find out what fundraisers are coming up, and what volunteer opportunities we have, and share information about our program with anyone you think may be interested.

The Community Partner for Jeeves Saves the Day is the Literacy Door County. All proceeds from the Pay-What-You-Will performance on July 17 go towards Literacy Door County. Additionally, on July 26 TAP and Literacy Door County will host a talkback alongside the show. Literacy Door County will have a table in the box office during the run of the show with more information and a place for donations.

The Community Partner Program at TAP is an initiative that seeks to engage with the local community by forming partnerships with local non-profit organizations and businesses. The program aims to foster a sense of community through collaborations that promote the arts and enrich the cultural landscape of the area.