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LITERACY CHANGES EVERYTHING



Annual Report 2023-24

FROM THE BOARD

Dear Friends of Literacy Chippewa Valley,

Literacy is not a destination, but a path to follow.

My own journey with Literacy Chippewa Valley began at ScrabbleBee in 2021. Then-President Allison Shepard mentioned ways we could get involved and one such opportunity caught my attention: I could be a board member. I approached Allison that evening to say I was interested and by the next week I was the group's newest addition. This year, I'm proud to serve as the President of the Board. All this to say when you hear the call to action, take it! We're always looking for new board members who are excited to advance our mission and make a difference in our community.



Students' journeys with Literacy Chippewa Valley begin with a dream. A dream to become a United States citizen, a GED holder, or an English speaker. A dream to succeed in the workplace, including after incarceration. A dream to better the future for their family. These dreams and a great amount of bravery bring students to us. They partner with instructors, tutors, and staff and they do achieve their dreams - and so much more. They are a part of something bigger. They are walking the path. I encourage you to volunteer with us and walk the path with them.

We held two successful fundraising events this year. Our inaugural trivia nite was met with great enthusiasm and we're looking forward to hosting it again. ScrabbleBee was held for the first time at The Brewing Projekt and was not only very fun but also very successful. Your generosity allows us to serve the community. Attend one of our events and if you feel particularly inspired by the important work at Literacy Chippewa Valley, we hope you will make a donation.

Finally, please stop by the new location of Literacy Chippewa Valley! You might just discover your own path with us.

With gratitude,

Nicole Breed

Student Success Librarian
Chippewa Valley Technical College

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Our Mission: Provide free education services for adults to help

OUR PARTNERS & STAFF

Our Literacy Partners

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Current Staff

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Marketing Director: Aryn Widule

Eau Claire Corrections Instructor: Dawn Lueck

Chippewa Corrections Instructor: Aleah Sauter

Dunn Corrections Instructor: Aleah Sauter

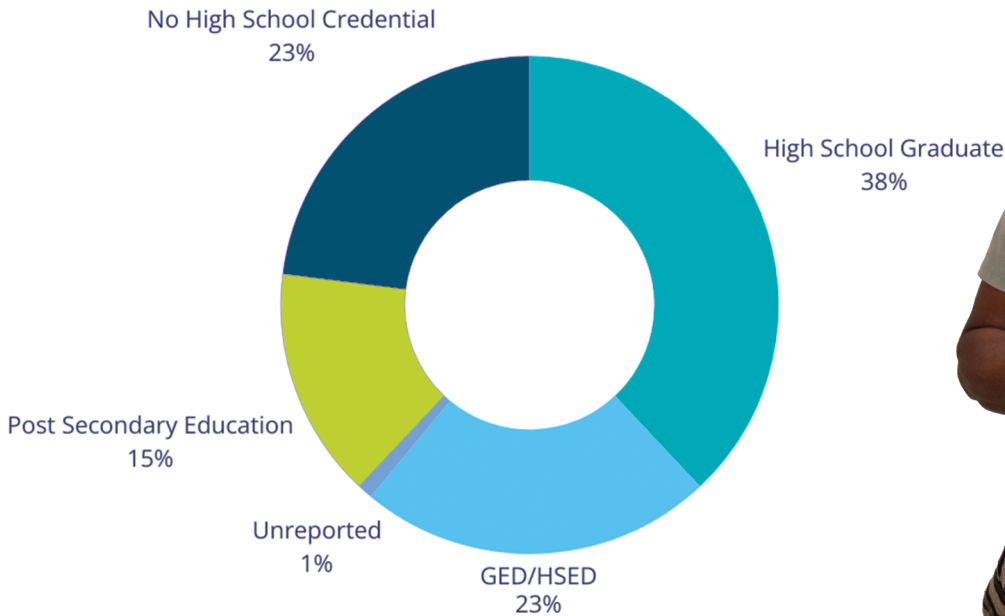
Family Literacy Instructors: Amanda Robelia, Aryn Widule

Childcare Instructor: Annabelle Abbe

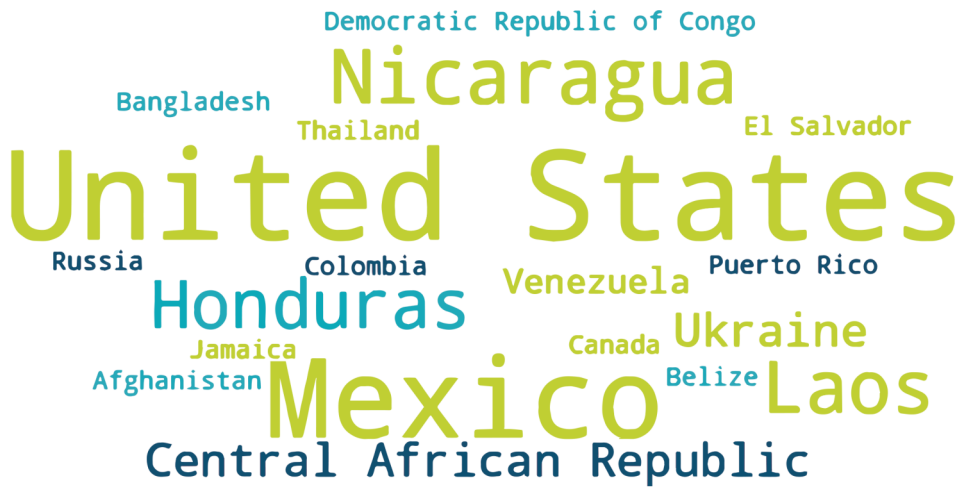
them reach their academic, employment, and life goals.

WHO WE SERVE

STUDENTS BY EDUCATION LEVELS



Our Students Come From All Over The World



WHAT WE DO

OUR CONTINUING PROGRAMS

One-to-One Tutoring

One-to-One programming provides weekly tutoring services specific to the interests and abilities of learners. Tutors focus on topics ranging from English Language Learning (ELL), math, GED/HSED acquisition, driver's license preparation and citizenship testing preparation.

Corrections Education

Our Corrections Education program operates in the Eau Claire, Dunn and Chippewa county jails. It includes "Parents Sharing Books", a program that provides donated books to the children of incarcerated individuals during the holidays. PSB would not be possible without the help of our volunteers in addition to book donations from the Chippewa Falls High School Honor Society and the La Crosse Diocese of Catholic Women.

Family Literacy

Family Literacy programming provides English Language Learning (ELL) classes with onsite childcare at our Eau Claire office. We also provided classes this year at the Chippewa Falls Public library, with a variety of activities and guest speakers. Family Literacy involves education for the parents, the children, and also Parents and Children Together (PACT) activities.

NEW PROGRAMS

Workplace Literacy

This year LCV piloted a new program at 5 Star Dairy in Elk Mound which provided onsite ELL classes for dairy employees. Going forward we are working to improve and expand this Workplace Literacy program to bring education directly to the students at manufacturing and agricultural businesses to eliminate barriers to scheduling that prevent many adult students from furthering their education.

Senior Digital Literacy

This year LCV partnered with United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley to provide Senior Digital Literacy classes throughout the Chippewa Valley and surrounding rural areas. These classes are designed meet seniors where they are, and provide education navigating their computers, the internet, and other areas of rapidly developing technology in an attempt to reduce the digital divide.

OUR GROWTH

Annual Snapshot

632

Total students in all programs. A record number, continuing a trend of post-pandemic growth.

9,389

Total student hours across all programs, the most since the 2017-2018 school year.

27

The number of businesses in the Chippewa Valley who employed LCV students.

83%

Percentage of Corrections Education programs student goals met out of total attempted.

51.1

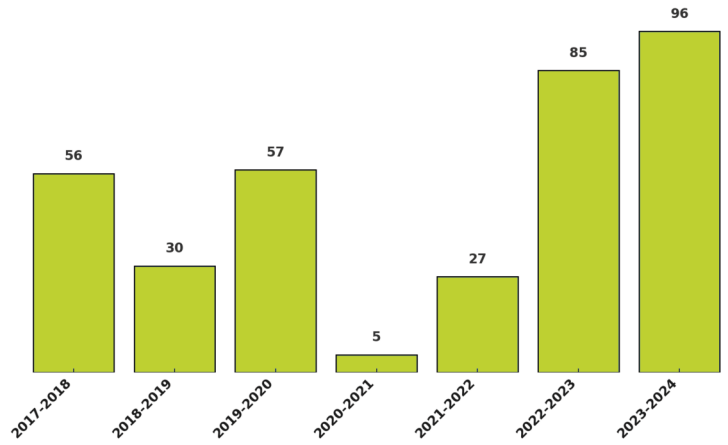
The average number of class hours for students in our Family Literacy English Language Learning (ELL) classes.



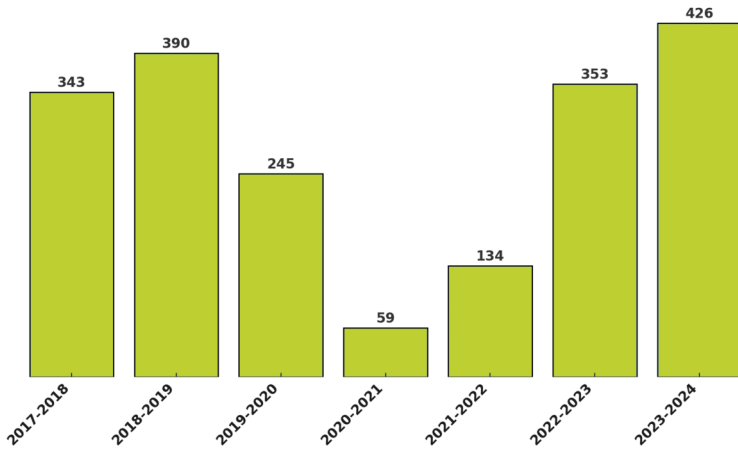
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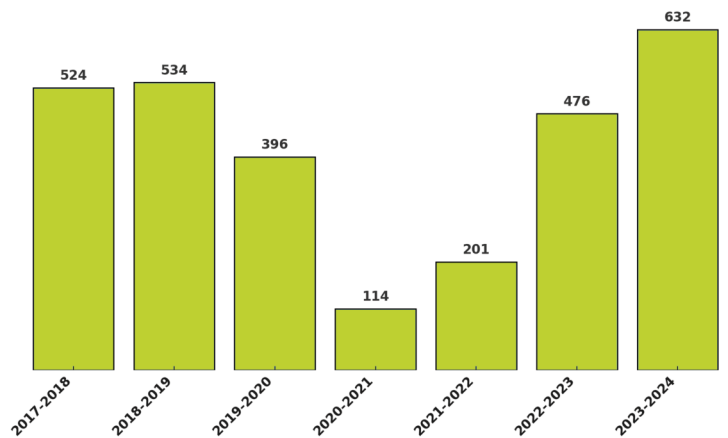
Family Literacy Students



Corrections Education Students



Total Students



LITERACY EVENTS



ScrabbleBee

This year's ScrabbleBee took place at Eau Claire's own Brewing Projekt, a brand new venue for our favorite event! ScrabbleBee has been LCV's biggest fundraiser for over 20 years and continues to be a success because of supporters like you.

This year's event brought in nearly \$20,000 for adult literacy education in the Chippewa Valley. How is that possible? Because of our enthusiastic players, our incredible staff and volunteers, and of course OUR AMAZING SPONSORS!

Hare Division

Winner: Wisconsin Public Radio

Tortoise Division

Winner: Calvin's Cadre

Top Pledge:

Winner: Calvin's Cadre (Kathy Schneider—team captain)



LCV Trivia Night

In November Literacy Chippewa Valley debuted a brand new event - LCV's first ever Trivia Night at the Brewing Projekt in Eau Claire.

The event raised awareness for literacy education, brought our supporters together, and most importantly, was a ton of fun!

We're looking forward to bringing this event back this year, and hope that you'll join us for a night of friends, fun and trivia! All for a good cause!



SCRABBLEBEE SPONSORS

THANK YOU to this year's generous sponsors!

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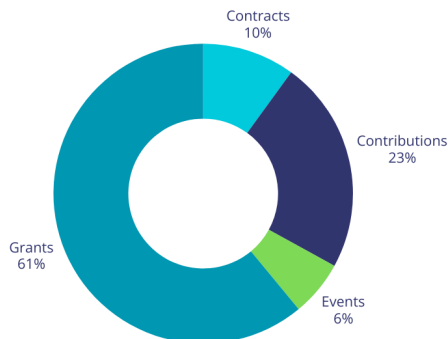
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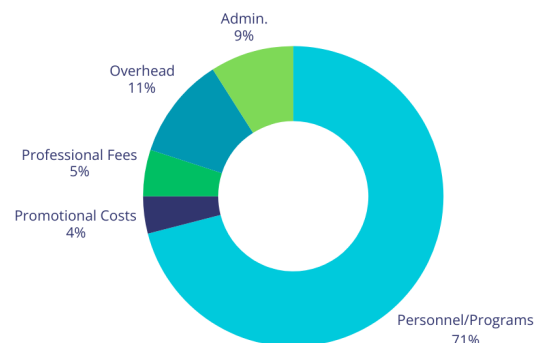
FINANCIAL RECAP

At the end of each fiscal year, LCV invites an independent auditor to review our financial reporting. We'd like to thank CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP for conducting our fiscal review. Results of the audit are presented at our November board meeting. Financial statements are available at our Eau Claire office for review by the public.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



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Thank You For Your Support!

"I learned lot and the teachers' attention motivates me to continue studying English until I reach the big goal and achieve my goal of speaking English. Thank you very much teachers."

-Maria

"It is the only place where I practice English with confidence. I like it because I always learn something new."

-Denissa

"I would like to say that this class is a very important class for me."

-Bai

"For me it is important to speak and understand and read."

-Juan

"Thank you for the opportunity to do your course, I love to write poetry... Being creative allows me to have fun and put things into prose... I'm currently making changes in life to be the role model that my old man was to me. The creative writing course was awesome."

-Shawn N.