

# Make a difference... get involved today!

## I want to help:

- Tutor an Adult Learner
- Assist in the LV office
- Volunteer as a Board Member
- Work on Annual Fundraising Events

## I want to make a contribution:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____ |

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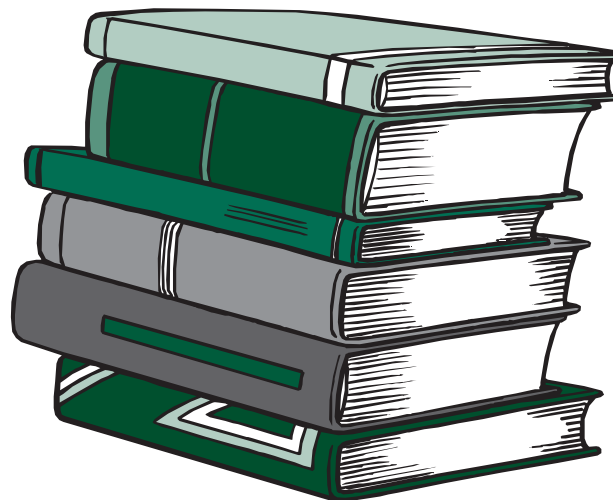
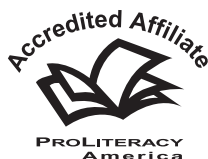
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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## Please make check payable to:

LV of Greater Augusta  
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Augusta, ME 04330  
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www.lva-augusta.org



# Annual Report 2008 - 2009

# Calendar of Events 2009-2010

**LV Augusta** offers two 15 hour basic tutor training workshops each year – one in the fall and one in the spring. Our fall training usually runs on 5 consecutive Tuesday evenings and in the spring, we offer the workshop in two all day Saturday sessions. We also offer mini-workshops a couple of times each year which are designed to support our trained tutors and to focus more on specific topics such as tutoring ESL learners, learning disabilities, and lesson planning.

*For more information on our training programs,  
please call our office at 626-3440.*

**LV Augusta** is proud to have two tutor trainers, both certified by ProLiteracy. They each have had many years of experience in education and continue to refresh their trainings with new materials and ideas to help new tutors make the most out of their tutoring sessions. The 15-hour training workshop is held twice each year and often includes special guest speakers who share their own personal tutoring stories.

In addition to the basic tutor training workshops, **LV Augusta** also offers periodic, 2-hour tutor support workshops which may expand on a particular topic such as learning disabilities or to present new material available exclusively for our tutors and students in our wonderful new readers' library located in our Spruce Street office.

## July 2009

- No Board Meeting
- 17 Newsletter – Open Book

## August 2009

- 6 Board Annual Retreat 8:30 - 3:00 pm

## September 2009

- 3 Board Meeting - LVA Office 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- 8 International Literacy Day  
(Encourage someone to read)
- 17 Faces of Literacy: Voices of Courage, Portland
- 22 Fall Tutor Training Begins 5:30 - 8:00 pm  
(Continues every Tuesday Evening thru Oct 20)
- 26 J&S Fun Fair, Manchester, ME 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## October 2009

- 1 LVA Annual Meeting  
and Board Meeting, LVA Office 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Walk In Night, Every Tuesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm

## November 2009

- 5 Board Meeting, LVA Office 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- 20 Newsletter – Open Book

## December 2009

- 3 Board Meeting – LVA Office 5:30 - 7:00 pm

## January 2010

- 9 Annual ½ Day Retreat, LVA Office 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Walk In Night, Every Tuesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm

## February 2010

- 4 Board Meeting, LVA Office 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- 19 Newsletter – Open Book
- Walk In Night, Every Tuesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm

## March 2010

- 4 Board Meeting, LVA Office 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- 28 Scrabble Tournament, Senator Inn, Augusta 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- TBA Tutor Training, Saturdays, LVA Office 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

## April 2010

- 1 Board Meeting, LVA Office 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- Walk In Night, Every Tuesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm

## May 2010

- 6 Board Meeting, LVA Office 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- 21 Newsletter – Open Book
- Walk In Night, Every Tuesday 5:00 - 6:30 pm

## June 2010

- 3 Board Meeting, LVA Office 5:30 - 7:00 pm

# Board of Directors 2008-2009

## OFFICERS

Chairperson.....	Lori Gray
(Fundraising)	Monmouth, ME
Vice Chairperson.....	Judy Paradis
	Augusta, ME
Secretary .....	Jenny Small
(Tutor Trainer)	Augusta, ME
Treasurer .....	Jeanette Smith
(Student Interviewer)	Winthrop, ME

## MEMBERS

Public Relations.....	Sandra Barringer
	Farmingdale, ME
Lead Tutor Trainer .....	Bob McIntire
	Hallowell, ME
Adult-Ed.....	Mark Flight
	Winthrop, ME
At Large.....	John R. Nicholas
	Winthrop, ME
At Large.....	Marsha Cottrell
	Manchester, ME

## COORDINATOR

LVA Office, Coordinator.....	Gail Dyer
	Windsor, ME

# Mission Statement

We believe everyone should have an opportunity to learn to read.

Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta, a non-profit organization, exists to improve the reading, writing and related literacy skills of area adults who read below the sixth grade level.

We offer one-to-one, learner-centered instruction that is free, private and confidential.

# History

In 1969, Literacy Volunteers was introduced to the State of Maine by Sister Benigna and Agnes Beckwith.

In 1971, a Basic Reading Workshop was held at Bath, and Peg Morrill was the first person in the Augusta area to attend.

In November of 1972, she led the first Basic Reading Workshop in our area.

In 1973, the Augusta Affiliate of Literacy Volunteers was formed.

In 2003, we combined with the ProLiteracy organization.

In 2003, we were recognized by the Maine State Legislature House and Senate on the occasion of our 30th Anniversary.

In 2004, we became an incorporated entity (Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta, Inc.) with the State of Maine.

In 2004, we became a tax-exempt, 501(c)3 organization with the Federal Government.

In 2006, we achieved national accreditation from ProLiteracy America.

# Think of the Joy You Get from Reading a Wonderful Book!

For over 36 years, Literacy Volunteers of Greater Augusta has been working to help people overcome their challenges of low literacy skills through FREE instructional training.

Imagine not being able to do the following things:

- Fill out an employment form
- Fill out medical forms
- Read sales flyers
- Read religious materials
- Read a book to a child
- Read signs that indicate poisons or remedies of poisons
- Read the instructions on a bottle of medicine
- Order basic foods in a restaurant
- Drive a car or read directional signs

Adults with low literacy skills experience social, economic, and personal challenges that compromise their ability to support themselves, to help their children in school, and to fully participate in society.

It is our mission to help these adults through such challenges.

## Contributors *(cont.)*

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Great Works Internet  
Jet Signs  
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Longhorn Steakhouse  
Maple Hill Farm B&B  
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Panera Bread  
Pine State Trading Co.  
The Red Barn Restaurant  
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## Contributors

**Thank You To  
All Our Contributors...**

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G&E Roofing

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Kennebec Savings Bank

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## Highlights of the Year

- Celebrated 36 years of service.
- Matched 23 active students & tutors.
- Provided tutor training for 19 new tutors in the Augusta and Waterville affiliates during two training sessions.
- Participated in the J&S Fun Fair.
- Conducted 2nd Annual Scrabble Tournament.



In 2009 Literacy Volunteers of Augusta opened its office **every Tuesday evening during the month of October from 5:00 to 6:30** for a “walk-in” night. Community members were able to stop by to learn more about LVA programs or get information about becoming a volunteer. Board members and LVA tutors were available to assist people with reading or paperwork and to schedule appointments for people interested in receiving services. LVA plans to continue this effort during selected months in 2010.

# Statistics

	<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>2008-2009</b>
	<b>LV of Greater</b>	<b>LV of Greater</b>
	<b>Augusta</b>	<b>Augusta</b>
Number of Students .....	24	23
Number of Volunteers .....	39	37
Number of Volunteer Hours .....	1,216	1,194
<i>*Joint tutor training with Waterville not reflected in volunteer hours.</i>		

## PROFILE OF STUDENTS

### Gender

Female .....	63%	56%
Male .....	37%	44%

### Age

16-24 .....	8%	13%
25-44 .....	46%	44%
45-59 .....	30%	26%
60 & Over .....	8%	17%
N/A .....	8%	

### Education

Grades 0-12 .....	33%	39%
High School/GED .....	67%	61%
Some College .....	0%	0%
Undergraduate .....	0%	0%
Other .....	0%	0%

### Employment

Employed .....	37%	31%
Unemployed .....	22%	13%
Not in labor Force .....	41%	56%

# Treasurer's Report

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009**  
*(unaudited)*

## Income

United Way of Kennebec Valley .....	\$14,383.00
Fundraisers .....	\$5,957.00
Donations/Dues .....	\$1,456.00
Grants .....	\$4,000.00
Workshop Fees/other .....	\$3,041.00
<b>Transfer funds from savings.....</b>	<b>\$2,241.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$31,078.00</b>

## Expenses

Library, Books and Publications.....	\$334.00
Rent, Utilities and Insurance.....	\$13,476.00
Office Supplies, Printing, Postage.....	\$2,243.00
Conferences, Training and Travel .....	\$91.00
Tutor Training and Supplies .....	\$476.00
Salary .....	\$13,715.00
Board Expense and Awards .....	\$743.00
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<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$31,078.00</b>

## Assets

Long-term Investments.....	\$66,573.00
Savings Accounts & CD .....	\$60,987.00