



Inspiring Young Readers Through Partnership

May 2016

Dear Volunteer,

Springfield Public Schools is excited to have you join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gift of Literacy Celebration on **Thursday, May 26**. The Gift of Literacy is a program designed to instill a love of reading in our children and increase the literacy rates of students in the Springfield community.

In partnership with the Rotary Clubs of Springfield, TEAM Springfield, the Springfield Education Foundation, and with the support of our community sponsors, the Gift of Literacy program is able to provide a new, hardbound book and reusable backpack to every first-grade student in Springfield Public Schools. Book donations are also made annually to each elementary school library in the district, the Springfield Public Library, and other community organizations that support our students.

We are delighted that you have chosen to become involved with the Gift of Literacy and help Springfield continue to promote early childhood literacy. Without volunteers like you, this celebration would not be possible.

**The Gift of Literacy celebration will take place from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Lane Community College (LCC) in Building 19, the Center for Meeting and Learning (CML).**

Be sure to use the attached parking pass. When you arrive at the CML, please check in at the front desk in the lobby to receive your volunteer assignment. New volunteers will also receive a t-shirt. **If you are a returning volunteer please bring your shirt from last year.** The volunteer orientation, training and introduction will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium. An assortment of breakfast pastries and coffee will be provided for volunteers during this time.

Students will begin arriving at LCC at 9:50 a.m. The last group of students will depart LCC at approximately 1:30 p.m. As a volunteer you will be asked to assist in one of several different tasks during the celebration. Possible volunteer roles include: reading to groups of 8–10 students, passing out books in the forum, leading students through each phase (kick-off, small group reading and lunch), greeting students at the bus, or helping out in the lunchroom. Included with this letter is information about the day of the celebration, and a parking pass. If you have any questions regarding your role as a volunteer at the Gift of Literacy celebration, please email Diana Cornacchia at [dianamcornacchia@gmail.com](mailto:dianamcornacchia@gmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support of Springfield Public Schools and the Gift of Literacy program. Together we are inspiring young readers!

Sincerely,

*Edwin M. Baker*

Ed Baker

Springfield Rotary Clubs

## **Event Details**

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016

Time: 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Location: Lane Community College (LCC), Center for Meeting and Learning (CML), Building 19

## **Parking**

Lots C and D of the LCC parking area will be reserved for Gift of Literacy volunteers. There is limited parking space, so please carpool if possible. Attached to this letter is a parking pass. It must be placed on your dash if you park in lot C or D. **Cars parked in these lots without passes will be ticketed by LCC public safety.** If lots C and D are full, you are welcome to park in any other lot without a parking pass.

## **Check-In and Volunteer Orientation**

Check-in for all volunteers will be in the lobby of the CML. Please arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. to get your volunteer assignment and Gift of Literacy t-shirt. Volunteer orientation will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium (Room 226) on the second floor of the CML. Representatives from key partner organizations will welcome volunteers. Gift of Literacy planning committee members will then lead brief training sessions for each volunteer role.

## **Celebration Schedule**

The Gift of Literacy celebration is comprised of three main phases:

1. The kick-off activity, when students will receive their new books
2. Small group reading, when groups of 10–12 students will be read their new books by guest readers
3. Lunch for all students and volunteers

Students will cycle through the phases of the celebration in three groups, beginning at 9:50 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m.

## **T-Shirts and Attire**

All volunteers are required to wear Gift of Literacy t-shirts during the event. This will allow students and staff to easily identify you as a volunteer. If you are a returning volunteer and you still have your shirt from the previous years, please reuse that shirt. New volunteers or those who do not have last year's shirt available will receive their new t-shirts at check-in. Please remember to wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing that is appropriate for inclement weather and walking around campus.

## **Food**

A light breakfast and coffee will be available for volunteers during the volunteer orientation. Lunch and beverages will be provided for all volunteers in the lunchroom (Rooms 102–104) beginning at 11:00 a.m.

## **Book Sale**

As a fundraiser for the Gift of Literacy program, books from this year's collection will be available for purchase in the CML lobby. The 2016 titles are: *Born in the Wild: Baby Mammals and Their Parents*, by Lita Judge; *EIEIO: How Old MacDonald Got His Farm*, by Judy Sierra; *Gazpacho for Nacho*, by Tracey C. Kyle; *I Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are*, by Bridget Heos; *It's an Orange Aardvark*, by Michael Hall; *It's Only Stanley*, by Jon Agee; *Maria Had a Little Llama/María Tenía Una Llamita*, by Angela Dominguez (bilingual); *Nuts in Space*, by Elys Dolan; and *Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine*, by Gloria Whelen.

For more information about your role as a volunteer at the Gift of Literacy celebration, please email Diana Cornacchia at [dianamcornacchia@gmail.com](mailto:dianamcornacchia@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU for your support of the Gift of Literacy program!**

# Parking Permit Lot C & D Only

Place this permit on the dash of your vehicle where it is  
*Visible at All Times.*

Maps and driving directions to the CENTER for Meeting and Learning can be found at: [www.lanecc.edu/center](http://www.lanecc.edu/center).

## May 26, 2016

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