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Student-Tutor Newsletter

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A Message from the President

As is so often the case, events can motivate one to commemorate one's past and highlight the promises of the future. The Zion Church has provided Vermont Reading Partners with office space for more than 20 years. For this generosity, we can never adequately articulate our gratitude or fully demonstrate our thanks. Now, upon its completion, we will be moving to a new office in the lower level of the Manchester Community Library. We look forward to an opportunity for closer partnering with Manchester Community Library and more visibility in the communities we serve.

As always, this has been a busy year for VRP. We had a most enjoyable Summer Social attended by Vermont authors in August 2012. Our annual hockey game between the Green Mountain Boys and Vermont Law Enforcement was again a fun event. We held a great craft fair in May at Burr & Burton Academy enjoyed by all - artisans, customers, and volunteers. Bob and Eleanora Devenish kindly hosted our annual garden party in June. We were blessed with fine weather, great food and a special time and space for socializing at the Devenish's lovely home.

We participated in three bookshare events this year. Northshire Day School sponsored a Wellness Fair at which we provided a bookshare table. Equinox Resort held a bookshare for their employees in the spring, and we furnished a children's bookshare table. Once again we participated in Northshire Day School and Headstart's Literacy Fair at Dana Thompson Recreational Park. There continues to be growth in interest in bookshares. In March we established a bookshare at Mark Skinner Library, supplying books for their pre-readers and earliest readers. In addition, we gave modest assistance for a bookshare event held at Community College of Vermont, Rutland, where we were the recipient of many boxes of books collected by these hard working college students. Vermont Reading Partners has given out more than 2,500 books at bookshares and bookshare events this past year.

Our trainers had the pleasure of training 12 tutors this past fall, and 16 tutors attended our spring "tutorshare," as well, where we exchanged success stories, ideas on materials and educational internet sources. We furnished approximately 1,500 volunteer hours this fiscal year. Forty tutors served 28 adult students, and we volunteered in six area schools, partnering with 19 one-on-one school program students, in addition to providing one afterschool assistant and two classroom assistants.

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Through the generosity of Mack Molding, we were able to give new books to all our students in January. Equinox Resort kindly supported our literacy program with the purchase of new books presented to VRP students at the year-end school party given at each school.

On behalf of the board of directors of Vermont Reading Partners, I extend heartfelt thanks for the continued support we've received in southwestern Vermont. Your belief in us is cherished. We continue to flourish because of you.

Tutor Training Workshop

VRP will hold its Annual Tutoring Training Workshop at Martha Canfield Library, 528 East Arlington Road, Arlington on Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 17, 19, 24, and 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Four afternoon workshop will cover introduction to VRP, reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

The goal of the workshop is to train volunteers to participate in the Adult Student Program and the Elementary After-School Program that is geared to grades one through six. Current tutors will take part in the training and will give volunteers a realistic look at what to expect.

VRP programs cover all of southwestern Vermont from Manchester to Bennington and in-between. Participating school programs are at Currier Elementary in Danby, Manchester Elementary and Middle School, Floodbrook Union School in Londonderry, Fisher Elementary School in Arlington, Shaftsbury Elementary (homework club), and Molly Stark Elementary in Bennington (classroom assistance).

Call the office, 802-362-2323 or e-mail vrp2323@sover.net with questions or to register .

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Jackie Kelly and Cindy Krautheim making a point to volunteers at the 2012 Work-



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