

# Literacy Partners of Kewaunee County Resource Center Guide

The materials in the Resource Center are not intended to replace Laubach, G.E.D, or basic education instruction in any way. The materials in our center are for student enrichment, enjoyment, or additional practice. There is also informational material (professional) available for tutors.

Students are able to use supplemental workbooks free of charge by writing answers on a separate piece of paper. If the student would like to write in the book, the book must be purchased. If the student is unable to pay, call Bob and some arrangements will be made.

## **Comprehension**

### *SRA Multiple Skills Series*

Excellent for late level 2, levels 3 & 4, and basic ed. students. This series works to improve:

- Getting the main idea
- Finding details
- Comparing and Contrasting
- Cause and effect
- Fact vs. opinion
- Drawing conclusions
- Sequencing
- Making inferences
- Using phonics

See the orange SRA Placement Test folder for instructions.

*Literacy Council of Montgomery County and Janesville, Wisconsin short books -* Over 120 titles on all subjects written by Laubach tutors like yourself. Stories use the vocabulary your student is using in Levels 1-3. Level 4 students will enjoy Level 3 too. We have two copies of each title.

*Stories Plus* – High Interest, low vocabulary for levels 3 & 4 Laubach students.

*Even More True Stories 5* - High interest, low vocabulary book that would be a real challenge for a top notch level 4 student and higher.

*Side by Side Book 1* – A colorful supplemental series that uses every day situations that work on vocabulary, conversation, comprehension and more.

*Side by Side Book 2* – A step up from Book 1

*Side by Side Book 3* – A step up from Book 2

Ventures 1 Student Book. This is an excellent language supplement for Level 2 & 3 students. Ventures works on vocabulary, writing, listening, grammar, reading and more.

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Ventures 2 Student Book would be for Level 3&4 students. Ventures is interesting and well done.

*Very Easy True Stories* – A picture based high interest – low vocabulary book for Levels 1 & 2 students. There is a short, interesting story followed by pronunciation, spelling, vocabulary, comprehension and writing experiences. Answer key is in the back of the book.

*All New Very Easy Stories* – Same as *Very Easy True Stories* – a picture based first reader for Levels 1 & 2.

*All New Easy True Stories* – A picture based first reader. Same format as above except for Levels 2 & 3.

*Easy True Stories* – This is a picture based beginning reader.

*More Easy Stories Plus*- Reading and activities to improve language skills of late Level 1 and Level 2 students. Works on comprehension, vocabulary, and discussion topics.

*Easy Stories Plus* – Works on reading and language skills. Same as *More Easy Stories*.

*True Stories in the News* - For students in Levels 3, 4, and above. This book features an interesting news story followed by vocabulary, comprehension, grammar, discussion, and writing experiences.

*More True Stories* – A high beginning reader (Level 4 and up). Works on the same skills as *True Stories in the News*.

*More Stories Plus* – High interest, low vocabulary for late Level 2 and Level 3 students. Works on comprehension, vocabulary, discussion, and writing.

*Beyond True Stories* – A high intermediate reader (Level 4 & up). Works in developing reading skills, study skills, sharing ideas, and vocabulary.

*In the Know* – Interesting stories with activities centered on vocabulary, thinking, dictation and grammar. Books range from Level 1 through 4 with each book getting progressively more difficult. There are several teachers' editions, but they are not needed.

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*Talk of the Block* – Excellent for end of Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 students. Activities use every day situations and work on comprehension, and vocabulary. Each book works on short vowel or long vowel activities.

Reading Wise- Reading comprehension strategies that work. This 8 level program helps students become fluent readers as well as active thinkers.  
Vocabulary in Use (Level 4 and up)

Reading for Tomorrow – Books 1, 2, 3

All American Stories (Level 4 and up)

Get Ready to Read – A skill based reader (level 4 and up)

Word Studies – Vocabulary (Level 4 and up)

Across the U.S. Reading & language activities (Level 4 & up)

101 American Idioms – Great for levels 3, 4, and basic Ed.

Essential Idioms in English Level 4 and basic ed.

Impact Book 1 – Reading Comprehension using practical subjects (Level 3)

Impact Book 2 - Reading Comprehension using practical subjects (Level 4)

Reader's Handbook – a student guide for reading and learning (Level 4 and up)

Can You Believe It? - (beginner to intermediate) Memorable readings from true life combined with idioms and vocabulary development. (books and cassettes)

Dictionary of Homophones- untangle “horse” from “hoarse” and hundreds of other homophones.

Miscellaneous workbooks for all levels are in the Resource Center. They were given to us or were free samples from book companies. They can be used for extra practice in various skills

## **Bilingual /or Hispanic Theme Books**

*Cesar*

*Hello Ocean*

*The Woman Who Outshone the Sun*

*Carlos and the Skunk*

*Nana's Big Surprise*

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*My Name is Celia*  
*Isabel Allende*  
*Isabel and the Hungry Coyote*  
*Tito, The Firefighter*  
*Vegetable Dreams*  
*On the Banks of the Amazon*  
*Remember Me*  
*Carlos and the Cornfield*  
*I am Rene*  
*Waiting for Papa*  
*In My Family*  
*Carlos and the Squash Plant*  
*Carlos and the Carnival*  
*Carols Digs to China*  
*Too Many Tamales*  
*My Very Own Room*  
*With My Brother*  
*My Diary from Here to There*  
*Louis Cardinals First Winter*  
*Abuelita Full of Life*  
*Mason Moves Away*  
*My Grandparents and I*  
*Ricardo's Race*  
*The Day it Snowed Tortillas*  
*The Three Little Javelinas*  
*A Gift for Abuelita*  
*Which Way?*  
*Where does it Go*  
*What Happens Next?*  
*Where's/Kitten*  
*Where's/Baby*  
*Where's/Puppy*  
*How Many?*  
*Cat in the Hat*  
*My Pal Victor*  
*Playing Loteria*  
*We are Cousins*  
*Cinnamon and the April Shower*  
*A Home for Pearl Squirrel*  
*Marco Flamenco*  
*El Cucuy*  
*Festival of Bones*  
*Grandma's Trunk*

*Green Bird*  
*Talk, Read, Write*  
*(Sesame Street)*  
*Mono y Yo / Monkey and Me*  
*El Patio Feo / The Ugly Duckling*  
*The Weeping Woman*

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## **Professional Books**

*Lit Start* – An outstanding manual that all ESL (ELL) and adult literacy tutors should read. This book sets the tone for successful tutoring and offers many useful tutoring ideas.

Teaching Adult Second Language Learners.- This book addresses the special needs of adults studying English, particularly those who have immigrated to this country.

Life Prints- Level 1 (low beginning), Level 2 (high beginning), Level 3 (low intermediate). Life Prints is fully reproducible. It is full of real life experiences that develop language skills and cultural understanding.

*Working with Adults with Learning Disabilities*

*Taking the Mystique out of Learning Disabilities*

*Pronunciation Pairs* – Excellent guide to help students with particular pronunciation problems. The book has a teacher's edition. Most literacy councils only buy the student book.

*Hands on English* - This is a collection of English activities for tutors who work with ESL learners. This for use in the resource center ONLY (not for check out). Copy pages you are interested in .

*Teaching Adults* – A Literacy Resource Book. This book answers most of your adult literacy questions.

## **Conversation**

*Picture Stories* –This book features beginning conversation, match the picture to words, working on sequence and more. For late level 1 and level 2 and some level 3 students.

*More Picture Stories* – Same as picture stories, but is more advanced.

*Cathy's Cards* - There are hundreds of conversation ideals for individuals and groups. Please use Cathy's Cards in the Resource Center. Make copies to take with you.

*American Manners and Customs* – Compare and contrast cultures. This book has the potential to initiate dynamic conversations.

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*Foundations* – Excellent for low beginning and beginning learners of English. This colorful book works on listening skills, vocabulary, grammar, and uses every day knowledge and information.

*Survival English* - Books 1 – 3 exposes students to every day situations and information. These books have some very good discussion topics. It contains a teacher's edition, but is not necessary.

*Side by Side Plus* – Life Skills and Standards Books 1,2,3.  
Excellent source for every day conversation.

Conversations for Work- For beginning and intermediate students needing to develop and practice language skills for effectively communicating on the job.

English for Every Day Activities- Teaches step-by step activities of more than 60 daily activities. (Basic)

English for Work Activities- Gives the student the tools to communicate 50 work related activities. (level 3 and up).

Talk-A-Tivities- Develop conversational skills with problem solving activities for pairs (2 students or a tutor and student). Best for high beginner and intermediate.

Look Who's Talking- For group interaction activities.

Communication Spot Light- Speaking and listening strategies for improving communication skills. (high beginner and up).

A Phrasal Verb Affair – Few languages have phrased verbs, but English has thousands. In any conversation, we are using these phrases all the time. This would be best for level 3 and higher.

The Grab Bag of Telephone Activities – Many students have more trouble using the phone than in face to face conversation. The Grab Bag is an excellent source for telephone ideas. This book is reproducible and cannot be checked out. Please use the copier for pages you will use.

Comics and Conversation  
More Comic and Conversation  
New Comics and Conversation

All three books are reproducible. Please use our copier for the pages you want to use. These books should stay in the Resource Center.

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A Picture is Worth 1000 Words - Books 1 and 2 are filled with interesting pictures that can be used as conversation starters. Please use in the Resource Center and duplicate what you will use.

Fast Track – High beginner conversation

Something to Talk About – Provides tutors with ready to use material for practicing conversation and language skills. Please use our copier for the pages you want to use.

Speaking of Survival - is a book and cassette combo designed for adult newcomers to the U.S. Every day topics are covered.

Sequences – Picture Stores for ESL gives student practice in the sequence of events. This book is reproducible. Use our copier.

Picture This – Vocabulary learning that makes sense! Please keep this book in the Resource Center and make copies of the pages you want to use.

## **Basic Vocabulary**

### *Flash Cards*

Triple Play flash cards are excellent for levels 1 & 2.

- Triple Play - Learn and practice sight words
- Triple Play - Learn and practice antonyms
- Triple Play - Learn and practice phonics
- Triple Play - Learn and practice ending sounds
- Triple Play - Learn and practice beginning sounds
- Triple Play - Learn and practice people and animals
- Triple Play - Learn and practice rhyming words
- Triple Play - Learn and practice synonyms

Around the Home – Sets 1, 2, & 3 for each topic listed below

1. Clothing
2. Household objects
3. Yard and garden
4. Tools
5. Household utensils -Compound Words – Puzzle card practice

Crossword Puzzles for Laubach 1-4.

My First 500 Words- for Level 2&3 students. This book contains 500 words with pictures around a theme.

Opposites-Opposites handled in a clever way (Levels 1 & 2)

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Words to Read-(levels 1&2) Great vocabulary builder built around themes with interesting pictures.

Best Little Word Book Ever! (levels1 & 2)- a cute little vocabulary book using pictures of animals.

Webster's Dictionary for Students (English only) - Tutor may sign the book out for the student.

Webster's Spanish-English Dictionary - Tutor may sign the book out for the student.

## **Phonics**

*Flipping Phonics* - Fun way for students to practice decoding skills. Each phonics card is cut into three columns. Students flip cards to make words and make up nonsense words to be sounded out.

*Think it Through* – An entertaining learning kit that works with phonics, general information, health issues, comprehension, and more. Can be used for instruction or self-paced. The kit uses tiles to check correct responses. Please return this kit in 2 months or sooner.

*Focus on Phonics* - (Student and Teacher Editions). These books correlate with the Laubach Level and page your student is working on. They are for additional practice. The student does not have to do the entire book, but it provides extra practice in problem areas.

Say the Word- (Levels 3 and up). This approach helps students master letter patterns for sounding out words. There is a student handbook, teacher's manual, and photocopy masters.

Pronunciation Games-for all ability levels.

## **Writing Skills**

*Power English* – Books 1-3 work on grammar, sentence structure, letter writing, punctuation, and spelling. Excellent writing guide for Level 3 and up.

We have dictionaries for all levels.

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Writing Well- ( for Level 4 and Basic Ed.) Starts with a basic process and gets increasingly more difficult.

Writing to Others- (Level 3 and up) This manual uses everyday real life writing situations for adult learners.

Write All About It- This text focuses on grammar, usage, writing complete sentences, using commas, and thinking logically.

Easing into Essays- (for pre GED and higher)

Writing Me- This is a collection of activities to help students write about what is important to them.

Writing it Down- (Levels 3&4) This manual contains penmanship basics, practical writing, and has creative writing experiences.

Writers at Work- For advanced students in pre GED learning to write essays.

Writing from Within Intro.- This is for beginning to intermediate writers (planning a paragraph, editing, prewriting).

Writing from Within- Use after Writing from Within Intro. (or use if the Intro. is too easy).

Get Ready to Write- This is a beginning writing text for Level 3 and higher.

Basic English Grammar- English grammar from soup to nuts. Best for Level 3, 4, and basic ed.

Filling out Forms- Many kinds of forms found in daily life that tests reading understanding and writing ability- intermediate.

The Fabric of Life – Written by ELL and adult GED students around the State of Wisconsin (Level 3 & up)

Blue Book of Punctuation and Grammar

Painless Grammar – This is a different kind of grammar book. It is written at the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade level and is fun! It covers most grammar and student needs.

## **Miscellaneous Materials**

Can You Give First Aid? (for late Level 3, Level 4 and up).

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You and Your Child's Teacher- (Levels 3 & 4 and up)

Civics and Citizenship Toolkit: A Collection of Educational Resources for Immigrants from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services

Mathematics for New Speakers of English- the title says it all.

Breakthrough to Math - a 4 book series to improve basic math skills

Multiplication and division flash cards

\*Longman Mathematics-math basics

The Ten Things all Future Mathematicians and Scientists Must Know.

Counting on Your Fingers is not Immoral – (Books 1& 2 and advanced – fun and challenging)

Mathematics – Building Strategies (basic operations)

Math One – Math for the real world.

Tall tale Math (Advanced story problems)

Fun 5 Minute Math Practice Pages (grades 6-8)

Party in Mathland (Positive and Negative Numbers)

Atlas of American History – (Levels 4 and up)

Monsters (Level 4 and up)

Disasters (Level 4 & up)

Eccentrico (Level 4 and up)

Brain Stretchers Books 1 & 2 (thinking puzzles)

## **Books on CD (SmartReader Series)**

Level One is written on a first to second grade level and Level 2 books are at a third to fourth grade level. Two speeds are available at 17% slower than normal conversation and at 40% slower than normal. Interest levels are middle school

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through adult. Rules governing the check-out of CD's and CD players are posted in the Resource Center.

## Level One Books on CD

*Earthquake!*  
*Geronimo*  
*The Gift of the Magi*  
*Gloria Estefan*  
*Jackie Robinson*  
*Michael Jordan: Out of Thin Air*  
*Montana Showdown*  
*Nowhere to Hide*  
*Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.*  
*The Tell Tale Heart*  
*Twister*

## Level Two Books on CD

*Curse of the Werewolf*  
*Danger in the Canyon*  
*Earthquake!*  
*Emma's Nightmare: the Voyage of the Titanic,*  
*Good Health*  
*Magic Johnson*  
*Michael Jordan: Out of Thin Air*  
*Mr. [Nice@XXX.com](#)*  
*Murder in Cabin A-13*  
*My Baby: from Birth to Six Months*

## **LIFE SKILLS**

Interchange Intro – conversation, grammar, vocabulary, and reading (Levels 1 & 2)

Active Listening 1 (Level 2 and Teacher's edition)

ESL Literacy – Everyday reading, writing, and listening (Level 1)

Things to know about Cars and Driving (Level 3 and up)

Learn about the U.S. and Civics plus flash cards used to study for the citizenship test.

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Step Forward (Intro) – language for every day life (Level 1)

Step Forward – Same as Intro but for levels 2-4

True Colors – Reading Writing and Conversation (Level 3 & 4)

Health Stories – Readings and language activities for healthy choices.  
(introductory levels-2&3) Great for basic ed. too.

Health Stories – Readings and language activities for healthy choices. (low  
beginning levels-3&4) Great for basic ed. too.

Health Stories – Reading and language activities for healthy choices. (high  
beginning-levels 3&4) Great for basic ed. too.

***Please save this guide for future reference.***