

MLC's Recognition Activities

The Minnesota Literacy Council assists in recognizing and supporting your volunteers and learners in a variety of ways. They include:

- **MLC Certificates** for volunteers for who have tutored a significant number of hours. The certificates can be modified for any number of hours with the volunteer's name. To request certificates for your volunteers, please contact Allison Runchey at 651-645-2277 ext. 219 or arunchey@theMLC.org.
- **Awards Luncheon.** Integrated into the annual [Sharing the Power conference](#) is a recognition event for literacy volunteers, students and practitioners statewide. MLC gives Service Awards to volunteers who have reached the 1000-hour (or more) milestone, Volunteer Leadership Awards to volunteers who have shown strong dedication and leadership in their program, Learner Awards to learners who have had a positive influence on their peers or others, and Community Partnership Awards to groups or organizations that have made a significant positive contribution to a literacy program.
- **Tutor E-Newsletter** is emailed to volunteers monthly. It highlights an outstanding volunteer each month as a "Literacy Leader." The [Tutor E-Newsletter](#) also includes upcoming events, useful resources, and information on trainings and volunteer openings. To add your volunteers to the email list, or nominate a volunteer as a "Literacy Leader," contact Allison Runchey at arunchey@themlc.org.
- **Tutor Tips** are emailed to volunteers weekly and are [archived](#) on our Web site. Provide Rob Podlasek with the email address of any volunteer who would like to receive them. He can be contacted at rpodlasek@theMLC.org,
- **Ongoing Training Opportunities.** [In-service workshops](#) are scheduled throughout the year. Programs may host an in-service and request that an MLC trainer conduct it on a specific topic. The trainers are also available to assist our network of Volunteer Literacy Programs with [customized trainings](#).
- **Volunteer Profile.** The Minnesota Literacy Council profiles volunteers, learners and literacy programs in the *Literacy Update* newsletter. Please contact Melissa Martinson at mmartinson@themlc.org with suggestions of people to highlight.
- **Student Writing Journal.** [Journeys](#) is a yearly publication of student writing, art work, and poetry used to encourage writing and highlight the accomplishments and experiences of adult learners in Minnesota.
- **Lending Library.** Volunteers may borrow materials from the [lending library](#) free of charge through their participation in an MLC associate program.