

# Vermont Reading Partners

## A Volunteer Literacy Program

Student-Tutor Newsletter, August 2010

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS one of the quiet but powerful resources in our community serves those who seek personal freedom through increased literacy skills is known as Vermont Reading Partners, and

WHEREAS Vermont Reading Partners has provided service to our community for twenty-five years, and

WHEREAS Vermont Reading Partners offers an array of free programs, tailored to fit the needs of our community, that include adult reading, writing, math, and English-speaking skills, school tutoring programs for children, family literacy services, and Free Book Swaps for children and families, and

WHEREAS Vermont Reading Partners has maintained high professional standards throughout its history that earned it a ranking of Accredited Affiliate of ProLiteracy America, formerly known as Literacy Volunteers of America, and

WHEREAS the volunteer resources of Vermont Reading Partners allow its programs to continue without a tax-burden to the community,

NOW THEREFORE in recognition of the long-term commitment of Vermont Reading Partners as they celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Select Board, on behalf of the Manchester community, hereby expresses and proclaims its congratulations and appreciation of Vermont Reading Partners' contributions to our community.



On April 20, 2010, the Manchester Select Board honored Vermont Reading Partners' twenty-five years of service to the community with a proclamation relating the literacy services that they have provided to help people in our area improve their lives by reading better.

Pat Johnston, VRP Advisory Board member and former interim President for ProLiteracy Worldwide, first came up with the idea and approached Select Board-

member Wayne Bell. He remembered the early days of VRP when he himself served on the Board of Directors and quickly agreed that a proclamation would be most appropriate. With help from VRP President, Koshka Pabst, they put together a proclamation and scheduled the date it was to be read at a Select Board meeting.

Several past and current VRP Board members attended the meeting with balloons to commemorate founder Rosalind Neilson’s slogan SOAR — Support Our Adult Readers.



**Dinner and Silent Auction August 29 at the Barrows House**

*You are invited to a special dinner and a silent auction on Sunday, August 29, at the Barrows House Inn & Restaurant in Dorset to celebrate Vermont Reading Partner’s twenty-fifth anniversary.*

*The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar, and music, all in the beautiful Barrows House gardens, followed by a delicious three-course meal with four menu items to choose from. The featured auction item again will be an African Photo Safari for two for six days and six nights with luxury accommodations and full board at the Zulu Nyala Game Lodge in Zululand, one of Africa’s richest wildlife conservation regions. Jewelry, tickets, and services are among a rich array of gifts to suit your taste.*

*Tickets for the Dinner and Silent Auction cost \$60.00 per person, including tax and gratuity, and will be on sale at the VRP office through August 27. Call June at 802-362-2323. Tickets will also be on sale at the Barrows House up to and including August 29. The number there is 802-867-4455. Seating is limited.*

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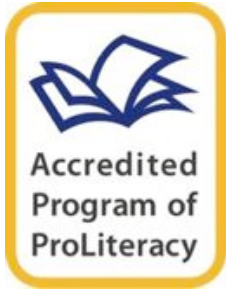
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*Sign up to become a tutor and help someone learn to read! Call VRP at 362-2323.*

### Book Swaps

BROC, Bennington (Bennington  
Rutland Supervisory Council)  
Head Start, Pownal  
Mach's General Store, Pawlet  
Oakhill Child Center, Pownal  
Shaftsbury Country Store  
Stewart's Shops, Manchester  
Sunrise Family Resource Center,  
Bennington  
Wayside Country Store, West Arlington  
WIC, Women, Infants and Children's  
Nutrition Program, Bennington  
Winchester's, Pownal

**Special thanks to the community  
at large for book donations to our  
Free Books Program.**

### Tutor Training *School Program*

Thursday's **September 16 and 23** and Tuesday, **September 21**, 1:00–4:00 p.m. at the Bank of Bennington, Manchester Center.

A three-part workshop will train volunteers to work individually with a child in an after-school program one day a week. No teaching experience is necessary.

### *Adult and ESOL Literacy Programs*

Tuesday's and Thursday's , **October 19, 21, 26, and 28**, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Arlington Library.

A four-part workshop will train volunteers to work with adults and families who are seeking literacy help. No teaching experience is necessary.

### *Wilson Reading Workshop*

**November 9**, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Bank of Bennington, Manchester.