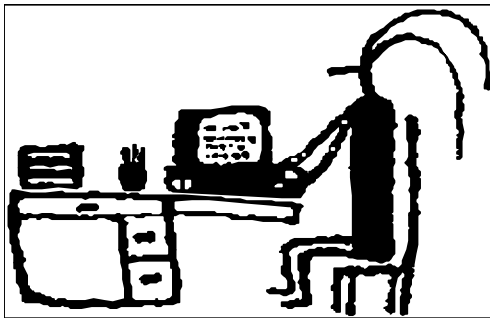


SPECIAL SOFTWARE OFFER FROM LEARNING 2000

Learning 2000 has partnered with Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. to offer the LVA network a software package specifically designed to help children learn. The software, Lifetime Library from Learning 2000, is ideal for family literacy programs or for parents to use at home with their children.

This partnership between Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. and Learning 2000 gives parents and literacy programs an opportunity to purchase a highly regarded product at a substantial savings. Previously available at \$599, the Lifetime Library is now available for \$99 (plus S & H) to members of the Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. network (affiliate staff, tutors, students, and supporters). As a part of this special offer, Learning 2000 has also agreed to donate \$20 to LVA, Inc. for every software package purchased using LVA, Inc. code CUA-6162.



The Lifetime Library software consists of 17 CDs with over 450 hours of instruction. Utilized in schools throughout the country, the Lifetime Library is a self-paced, computer-based, interactive instructional multimedia program for grades 4-12 in the subjects of reading, writing, math, pre-algebra, algebra, history, science, and English. Students learn what they are learning in their own school, because the Lifetime Library can be correlated to all state and national standards. The Lifetime Library uses videos in lessons showing real-life application of all concepts, thousands of illustrations, over seven thousand instructional screens, and three thousand minutes of narrated text (helping students learn to read effectively). Placement tests are included to determine where students' skill levels are in each lesson.

Please note that the offer will be available through June 30, 2001.

For more information on the Lifetime Library, go to www.learning2000.com. To order with this special \$99 offer, call toll free 888-968-5327, ext 104, and mention code CUA-6162.

THE NMCL ANNUAL MEETING IS JUST

This year the NMCL Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, June 23rd from 8am to 5pm at the Hilton in Socorro. We are very pleased to announce that our special guests will be Marsha Tait, President of Literacy Volunteers of America, and Peter Waite, Executive Director of Laubach Literacy Action. This is sure to be a very informative and enjoyable event. We will soon be sending out promotional brochures that will include registration forms. Stay tuned to our website (www.nmcl.org) for the latest information.

AROUND THE CORNER

WE LEARN Launches Research Study on Women-Centered / Women-Positive Basic Literacy Materials

St. Paul, MN --- WE LEARN (Women Expanding Literacy Education Action Resource Network) values and promotes literacy and literature for all women, especially those with basic level English reading and writing skills. In an effort to cultivate meaningful literacy resources and curriculum, WE LEARN has launched a participatory research project involving adult women learners, as well as educators and librarians who have connections to literacy efforts. In addition to learning what materials are currently being used to meet the needs of adult women learners, this study will also explore what resources could be developed that don't already exist. The primary goal of this project will be to initiate collaborative strategies to develop and create women-centered basic English literacy materials.

This research project will work primarily with adult women learners. However, literacy workers (teachers, tutors, educators, researchers, administrators) who work with adult women learners in any capacity (schools, social services, workplace settings, prisons, and so

on) are invited to respond to a questionnaire seeking information. The questionnaire inquires about what women-centered literacy materials are used in your setting; how they are used; what you have learned from your experiences with adult women learners; and what literacy resources and materials are still needed in this area. The questionnaire for literacy workers can be found at www.litwomen.org/litq.html. Hard copies will be mailed upon request. The deadline for questionnaire responses is July 1, 2001. A final report will be provided in print format to the respondents and posted on the WE LEARN website (www.litwomen.org/WLindex.html). Possibilities also exist for literacy workers to participate in the long-term efforts and projects of WE LEARN.. A questionnaire for librarians is also available at www.litwomen.org/libq.html.



This project centralizes learner insight and action by encouraging adult women learners to lead and participate in the process of defining and creating literacy materials and re-

sources. Through participation in conversation circles, adult women learners will be invited to talk or write about what reading and literacy materials appeal to them or facilitate their learning. Literacy programs or learners interested in sponsoring or participating in conversations circles should contact Mev Miller at WE LEARN.

WE LEARN has been established to maintain a resource list of women-centered/women-positive adult basic English literacy materials that help women understand their situations as women; to create a resource center/clearinghouse dedicated to the publishing, review, networking, and distribution of women-centered literacy resources, materials and curriculum; and to develop a network of learners, literacy workers, librarians, and writers committed to and involved in the process of creating and distributing women-centered or feminist adult basic literacy materials.

To obtain more information about this project, to get a copy of the questionnaire, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Mev Miller at 1483 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-6737, (phone) 651-646-0097, (fax) 651-646-1153, (email) mev@litwomen.org. Additional information can be found on the WE LEARN website at www.litwomen.org/WLindex.html.



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4/20, 21, 27, 28	LVA ESL		Sara Bellomo	266-7202
5/4,5, 11, 12	LVA BL	Santa Fe	Letty Naranjo	428-1353
<i>SPECIAL WORKSHOPS/IN-SERVICES</i>				
4/12 Learning Disabilities Workshop		TVI Albuquerque	Donna Aragon	224-4313
4/ 14 Learning Disabilities Workshop		Literacy Link/Leamos, Silver City	Caroline Baldwin	538-3672
5/12 Citizenship/Immigration Law		TVI-Albuquerque	Donna Aragon	224-4313
5/ 19 Ready to Read		Valencia County Literacy Council	Pat Waltner	864-3511