



# Monthly Mentions

Literacy Works' mission is to enhance the quality of life in the greater Baton Rouge community by providing basic literacy services for those who need help in achieving self-sufficiency.

## Reminders

Literacy  
"Brown Bag"  
Briefing  
May 16, 2008

Student  
Recognition  
Ceremony  
June 1, 2008

Literacy Works  
"Summer Raffle"  
June—August

## PROGRAM POINTS

Students in the **Basic Skills and Pre GED** classes completed another round of testing with 60% of students advancing at least one level. Students have been working feverishly to eliminate their deficits and the staff is extremely proud of them.

Literacy Works welcomed a **new volunteer on board** this month. **Melanie Peterson**, a former English teacher who now edits curriculum at LSU now serves as the lead teacher for the New Sunlight class. Melanie has been working with the Program Coordinator learning the best practices for our student population and officially began in her role as lead teacher Monday April 21. Program Coordinator Sherreta Harrison said of Peterson's ability, "*She really is a natural at this. Sometimes it takes volunteers awhile to become good at what we do but Melanie gets it. She will do very well with our students.*" *Ms. Peterson says she thoroughly enjoys working with the students and is humbled by this experience.*

Literacy Works staff members attended a **workshop led by Melanie Mayeaux** of the State Department of Education in which they learned the importance of goal setting and goal implementation in the classroom. Staff has always worked with students to help them meet both their educational and personal goals so this workshop provided additional insight on why this is important as well as some techniques on how to increase the effectiveness of a program with goal setting instruction. This workshop was made possible by the **Greater Baton Rouge Literacy Coalition**

**LITERACY WORKS HONORS its VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS-** In honor of National Volunteer Month, Literacy Works hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch at the Delmont Gardens Library Saturday April 26. "Anyone who has ever volunteered was invited to enjoy the affair. It was just our way of saying thanks for all of the work they do. This year's theme reminded the volunteers that although they may not know it, they are truly "**Worth Their Weight In Gold**". Two very special awards were given to the two volunteers that go above and beyond the call of duty. **Donna Day**, who volunteers as a tutor for the Basic Skills class, received the **Volunteer of the Year Award** while **Stanley Street**, van driver for the Southern University class received the Literacy Works **Award for Exceptional Service**. All volunteers received a small token of appreciation.

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