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### Lois' Corner!

Energizing Education is a grant and donor funded program which means we rely on the support from the community to continue our work each year. Through donations, volunteers, and the people who are ambassadors each day by talking with those they meet about the work we do, we are all coming together to build a stronger Jackson County. Since Energizing Education began in 2012, several organizations have funded us so that we can continue to grow our program and change the trajectory of our students from struggling, below average readers to confident students who are reading at or above grade level by the end of 3rd grade. We are still seeking support and would like to thank AOS, Dawn Foods, and Alro Steel for their recent financial contributions. We are eternally grateful for them and other local organizations that see the need of having a literacy support program like ours in Jackson County. If you would like to help us in promoting literacy this school year by being a mentor, being a sponsor or donating to EE, please contact me at [ldunning@uwjackson.org](mailto:ldunning@uwjackson.org).

# Energizing Education

## McCulloch Academy

### EE Starts the Year at McCulloch

Energizing Education is off to a good start this school year. This month we began training new mentors and getting them ready to start reading each week with students at our seven schools. Everyone is eager to start and we can't blame them because each week is exciting once you get into the Literacy Lounge and you start getting to know your student. Since we're not quite ready to go in the Literacy Lounge, this was a great opportunity to talk with our Site Coordinator Ann and ask her some



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#### Q: What is your favorite thing about being in the Literacy Lounge every day?

**A:** My favorite thing about being in the Literacy Lounge would be the interaction with the students that come in everyday as well as those students that just drop in because they like the room, they want to be in the EE program, or they like the see the mentors. It is all very special to be a part of this program.

#### Q: What are you looking forward to this school year?

**A:** I am looking forward to being at the very

beginning of the school year and the beginning of the program. I came on board last year in late October but this year, I am at the beginning. It will be fun.

#### Q: In one word, how would you describe EE to someone who has never heard or seen what we do?

**A:** My word to describe EE would be SUPPORTIVE.

#### Q: What has been your favorite moment since you've been working with EE?

**A:** My favorite moment of working in the EE program is each time a student moves up to another reading level. To see their excitement, their pride after having worked so hard is worth so much.

#### Q: What is something you enjoy reading?

**A:** I am a voracious reader, absorbing historic novels, biographies, westerns, and mysteries. The more books I read, the more I want to read. The more new things I read, the more I want to learn new things. I love to read new children's books too. I also still read the newspaper, and news magazines. So working in the Literacy Lounge is a perfect fit for me.

Like Ann, we are very excited to have her with us at the beginning of the school year. Ann was very eager to learn about EE last year and her enthusiasm for the program is a joy to be around. Thanks for all you do Ann, it's going to be a fun year!

Check the back page to see how you can start reading with one of McCulloch's students each week!



# October Mentor Training Calendar

Date	Time	Type	Location
October 4	9:00-11:00 am	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room D
October 11	1:00-3:00 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room D
October 20	3:00-5:00 pm	EE Mentor	United Way, Conference Room C
October 27	9:00-11:00 am	EE Mentor	Energizing Education Office, 211 Ganson St.

*Contact Charlie at [energizingeducation@uwjackson.org](mailto:energizingeducation@uwjackson.org) to sign up*



## Literacy Tip of the Month

### Promote Writing

Literacy involves reading and writing. Having books and magazines available for your child is great, but it's also helpful to have pencils, crayons, markers, and paper. Writing a note or a short letter to your child and having them write you one back is a great way to promote not only reading, but writing too.

Mark your calendars!

Our first Family Night of the year is on October 27th from 5:30-7:00 pm! We hope to see you there for the fun!

One way you can stay informed and help Energizing Education increase awareness of what we're doing is by following us on social media. You can check us out on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)!



Just in time for Fall, the Jackson District Library has several Autumn related crafts. All month there will be an Owl pinecone and leaf painting craft traveling to each branch. On October 8th at the Carnegie branch there will be a family pumpkin carving night.

Pumpkins are provided but registration is required. All Lego brick builders are welcome join the Lego club at Carnegie for an afternoon of building on October 15th. Call the library at 788-4087 ext. 1331 or check out our website, [www.myjdl.com](http://www.myjdl.com), for more information.

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