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SCRABBLE Night Raises Nearly \$2,000

More than 50 people filled the library after hours on April 19 for The Literacy Program's inaugural fundraiser: SCRABBLE Night. Clearly, some came for the food — a delicious donation from Kitchen 24 in Hollywood (www.kitchen24.info), thanks to Azusa's own Romy Orantes, Director of Culinary Operations for Kitchen 24.

Others came to play the face-to-face version of *Words with Friends* and compete for the \$100 first place prize. Congratulations to Sabrina for that honor! Then some came to help the activities run smoothly, and to hang out with other volunteers.

In the end, everyone left saying what fun they had and talking about friends they will bring with them to next year's event. For all of that, we say thank you to the Scrabble Night Planning Committee: Chairperson Helen Fairman, Arlene Calderon and Daysi Hernandez.

Check out photos on the City of Azusa Facebook:
www.ci.azusa.ca.us



Norma Gomez, Simplicity Bank VP of Accounting presents \$1,000 check to City Librarian Reed Strege

THANK YOU to our SCRABBLE Night sponsors:

Simplicity Bank
Kitchen 24
Athens Services
Friends of the Azusa Library
Julio C. Salas Bookkeeping Service
Azusa Light & Water

And to the Simplicity Bank volunteers: Kimberly Calderon, Linya Call, Frances Chen, Norma Gomez, Irena Thomas, and Michelle Weber

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Did You Know . . .

The G.E.D. test will change on January 1, 2014. There will be a new test, and it will be available only on computer. Anyone studying to get their G.E.D. now will need to complete their studies and pass the tests by the end of 2013. After that, portions of the test already passed will not count. Students will need to start over.

The new test will have four sections: reasoning through language arts, mathematical reasoning, science, and social studies. Essay writing will be integrated into the language arts and social studies sections.

If you are working on your G.E.D., be sure to check out "Learning Express" in the library. It is an online self-study course which includes practice on the G.E.D. It is provided to you free of charge through the Azusa City Library. Don't let time run out. Do it now.

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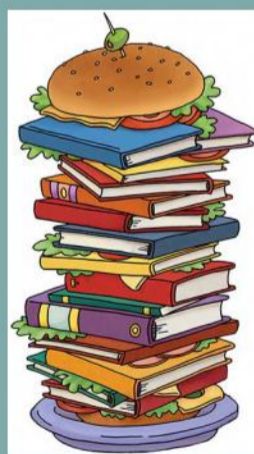
Student Spotlight: Eva Dominguez



"If they can teach me, then maybe I can teach my son," reasoned Eva Dominguez when she enrolled in The Literacy Program. She had gone to the library to get help for her 7-year old son. When she told the librarian that she has dyslexia and could not read, the librarian told her The Literacy Program could help her. That's when things began to change for Eva. . .

*To read about what changed for Eva, check out the May-June issue of **The Literacy Tribune**. Eva is highlighted in Member Spotlight.*

www.theliteracytribune.org



Reading Is Soooooo Delicious!

@ Azusa City Library

Summer Reading Program starts June 10.
Come in and *sample the menu*.

There will be activities and prizes for children and adults!

"Research spanning 100 years has proven that students lose ground academically when they are out of school for the summer. The problem is particularly acute among low-income students who lose an average of more than two months in reading achievement in the summer."

Source: The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
www.gradelevelreading.net

Keep your children reading. Make it fun. We'll help.

English Lessons for a Healthy Life, a class to help adults learn English while they improve their health at the same time, will be held at the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30—10:00 a.m. from May 14—July 2.

This class is a Health Literacy Learning program funded by the Canyon City Foundation. It is presented in partnership with the Azusa Neighborhood Wellness Center and APU TESOL (Teachers of English for Speakers of Other Languages) Department.

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