

## Dear Supporter:

When was the last time you looked up the word "thanks" in the dictionary? For most, probably never.... but, if you do, you will read a description that says "an acknowledgment of having received something good from another". That succinct statement easily sums up our gratitude for the years of support people like you have given to the Oakland Literacy Council. Never underestimate the difference you can make and have made in the lives of our adult learners. It is a powerful reminder that giving creates unlimited possibilities and that learning to read has no time limit.

We witness the daunting challenges our students face each and every day. With more than 100,000 adults in Oakland County unable to fill out a job application, better provide for their family, navigate our streets or read to a child, the mission of Oakland Literacy Council is far from over.

For 34 years, and as the only adult literacy service organization in Oakland County, we credit you for assisting thousands of adults reach their literacy goals. We could not continue to provide the best in literacy services without the years of your kind and generous support for our largest fundraising event.

You can continue to play an important part in the "literacy solution" by joining with Oakland Literacy Council as a sponsor of the 2018 Ex Libris dinner. This year's 34th anniversary event will be held at the lovely Village Club in Bloomfield Hills on Thursday, November 1, 2018. The evening never fails to delight attendees with the wit and warmth of celebrities and authors who give of their time to support learning and literacy.

We are thrilled to welcome Anne Curzan as our key note speaker. Anne is a professor at the University of Michigan who specializes in the dynamism of modern language, an author of books on language, a member of the American Heritage Dictionary Usage Panel, and co-host of *That's What They Say* on Michigan Public Radio.

I hope you will give this request your most thoughtful consideration and join us as we build a community of learners. Please be sure to return your response by September 10th, 2018 if you wish to be included in our Ex Libris invitation. Feel free to contact me at 248-642-3122 if you have any questions.

"Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end." Scott Adams

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Lindstrom, President Oakland Literacy Council

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