

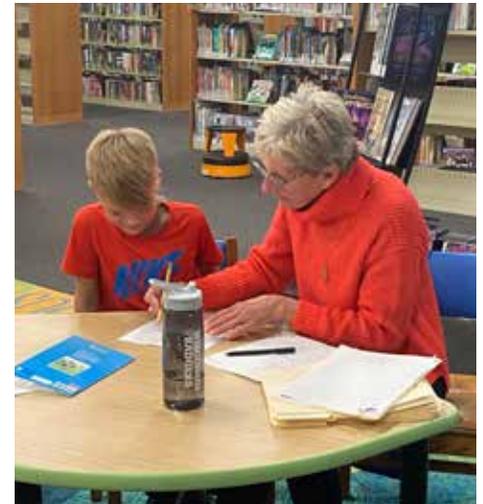
Our mission is to provide exceptional one-on-one tutoring for students from economically disadvantaged families, to allow them to maximize their learning potential and to confidently pursue their educational and personal goals.



LIBRARY LEARNING CONTINUES

Empowered Tutoring is pleased to announce that we are continuing (and expanding!) our partnership with the Appleton Public Library to provide our tutoring services on-site after the school day. All students grades K-12 can be served by our tutors, and the outstanding APL staff coordinates the scheduling process with the students' families. The Appleton Library provides a critical link to resources and technology for students in our community, and we are proud to stand with them in this mission. The one-on-one tutoring and life skills mentoring that ET provides the students allow them to reach grade-level proficiency in literacy, math, or other subjects, and ultimately to have access to a greater number of opportunities and choices in life. These opportuni-

ties may include pursuing post-secondary education (college or trade school) or finding quality employment that will allow them to succeed and thrive. Many students in this demographic are fighting against the vicious cycle of poverty, and quality educational resources will change that trajectory for our students and their future families. Sonja Rusch, School Age Librarian at the Appleton Public Library, shared her thoughts on our collaborative effort, "We are excited to offer tutoring services to our student patrons through our partnership with Empowered Tutoring. This amazing collaboration will offer learners one-on-one, diversified support to meet their individual needs. The recurring weekly sessions are designed to identify specific learning targets and cultivate



a relationship of trust and confidence. It is a wonderful resource to extend to our community." We are grateful to the team at APL and our generous donors for making this dream a reality for our community.



Tutor Spotlight

Juli Resch, one of our Bridging the Gap elementary student tutors provides a passion for student advocacy, empathy, and the ability to engage in a meaningful relationship with each of her students. Each of the students that work with Ms. Resch are excited to learn and are gaining the confidence they need to find success inside and out of the classroom.

"I work with Empowered Tutoring because after being a teacher for 32 years, and retiring last year, I found I wanted to continue to make a difference in students' lives. I want to empower

students to be successful learners and to develop, or maintain, a love of learning. I found I am able to continue to do the teaching that I love by working with Empowered Tutoring. I am so fortunate to have been given this opportunity and hope to be able to continue to tutor for quite some time."

Tutors like Juli are hard to come by, but we are extremely grateful to have someone like her on our team. Juli, thank you for your passion and expertise and for embodying the true mission of Empowered Tutoring.

Donor Spotlight

AMCOR

Empowered Tutoring is grateful to receive support from the Amcor Cares Foundation. Giving back since 1959, Amcor Cares donates several million dollars per year to charitable organizations, and we are blessed to be among these recipients. We have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Kim Wetzel over the last several years, and she has been a strong advocate for our youth and the work we do. As we continue to develop new tutoring programs and expand our existing initiatives, we are blessed to work with this outstanding team. Through the Foundation's immense generosity, we are able to assist students in need, help them reach their goals, and ultimately change their lives forever. Thank you to Kim and the Amcor Cares Team for allowing students to achieve their dreams.



SUMMER BOOK GIVEAWAYS

In collaboration with local libraries and other organizations, Empowered Tutoring participated in local community events over the summer months to provide FREE books to children of all ages. We are thrilled to share that in total, we were able to give out over 500 books! A huge thank you to all who donated books, allowing ET to inspire a love of reading in our youth. If you or someone you know has a collection of children's books they would be willing to donate, please contact Aryn Brault at abrault@empoweredtutoring.org.



OVER 500 BOOKS TO KIDS

BRIDGING THE GAP EXPANSION

Empowered Tutoring, in collaboration with the YMCA after-school programs, is now on campus at five Appleton elementary schools including Horizons, Dunlap, Jefferson, McKinley, and Johnston! Our Bridging the Gap program, specifically designed for elementary school students, has had impressive results at both Johnston and McKinley elementary schools, and we are thankful to be able to expand the program to include three new programs this fall. We welcome the next cohort of students that will be accompanied by our highly-skilled tutors to get back on track toward their academic and personal goals. Thank you to Jolene Gross and the unit coordinators at the YMCA for your efforts in making this partnership so successful!



FAILING LITERACY AND MATH PROFICIENCY RATES

In the aftermath of the school shut-downs during the Covid outbreak, there has been much discussion regarding the negative academic, social, psychological, and emotional impacts on our young people. Although the scale and depth of the impact may not be fully understood for years to come, the devastation on state and national proficiency rates is fully apparent. Moreover, in looking more closely at the reading and math proficiency rates in Wisconsin over time, the fact of the matter is that these rates have been declining over the last handful of years. Even though many teachers and administrators poured their hearts into making the most of the challenges throughout the pandemic, and most parents engaged to the best of their abilities, little to no learning was

accomplished during the 2020/2021 year for the schools that remained virtual. So, the 7% decline in literacy proficiency rates, and the 10% reduction in math proficiency rates during that time period was somewhat predictable. What is much more concerning is the fact that proficiency rates were hovering at the 44% rate in English and at the 43% rate in math, back in 2017, and either decreased or held steady for 2018 and 2019.

We as a community must immediately and aggressively reverse this devastating trend. We must raise the bar of expectations for our students. Teachers and administrators must focus on filling the class time with high quality instruction and information exchange. Parents need to support our schools in taking a more

serious approach to their children's education and then prepare their kids with clear expectations and respect for their education. We need to volunteer in the classroom; we need to work together in 'mom networks' and 'dad networks' to support teachers, parents and students who might be struggling or who just need assistance. We must cultivate smart, passionate young people, especially in the STEM subjects, to become teachers and then provide work environments that are conducive to serious learning. Most importantly, we as a community need to reprioritize academics in our schools above sports, building needs, and social engineering. This will allow our teachers to again rediscover their true mission and our students to reach their true potential.

Forward Exam Proficiency Over Time: Statewide & District*

	English Language Arts				Math			
	2017	2018	2019	2021	2017	2018	2019	2021
All Students	44.4%	42.4%	40.9%	33.7%	42.8%	43.8%	43.4%	33.6%
Milwaukee	20.1%	19.0%	18.6%	7.30%	15.4%	16.2%	16.2%	4.20%
Madison	36.5%	36.6%	34.9%	19.60%	35.9%	38.2%	38.4%	17.4%
Green Bay	31.4%	30.4%	28.9%	15.20%	28.8%	28.8%	33.0%	13.6%
Wausau	49.9%	47.2%	44.3%	34.10%	40.3%	44.2%	44.8%	31.5%
La Crosse	41.9%	39.8%	38.4%	31.50%	36.6%	38.6%	38.8%	27.4%
Platteville	57.6%	56.0%	53.1%	44.20%	58.8%	64.0%	60.5%	55.2%

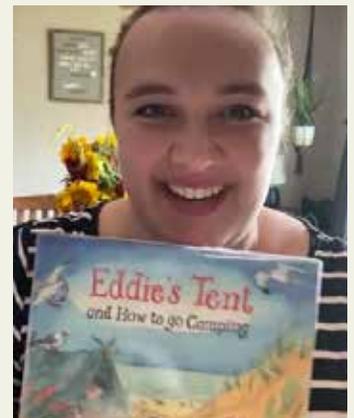
* Forward exams were not administered in 2020 due to COVID-19

**These numbers include students operating at proficient and advanced



READ-ALOUDS ON YOUTUBE

Empowered Tutoring shares read-alouds on our YouTube channel weekly, which are presented by our tutors, Amanda and Katey. This is a program wherein students can have someone reading to them, utilizing the benefits of this activity if their parents/guardians may not be able to. It provides an exciting story and a fun activity that can be done at any time that is convenient for the family and promotes the importance of engaging with educational resources outside of the classroom. Although the program is brand new, we are excited to share that we've already had over 20,000 views!



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YouTube CHANNEL!

2ND ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE A SUCCESS!

This back-to-school season, Empowered Tutoring held its second annual School Supply Drive, sponsored by Festival Foods! Empowered Tutoring is committed to providing students with the resources they need to be successful, whether that be a pencil, backpack, or calculator. Our aim is to reduce the anxiety surrounding not being prepared for class, allowing students to focus on learning and gaining the knowledge they need to grow. Because of the outpouring of support that we received, we are excited to share that we will be able to cover our students'

needs for the current school year. Empowered Tutoring is also going to be gifting various campuses around the area with a bin of supplies that any teacher or student can utilize. We truly could not do it without the generosity of our community, and we thank you for the support that you have shown over the last two years of this drive.

**OVER 1,000
ITEMS DONATED**



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