

*Enriching the quality of life and learning for adults and families through individualized literacy instruction and community building*



**Executive Director**  
**Jill Leahy**

**Program Director**  
**Leanne Waterworth**

**Board of Directors**  
Lynda Flores (President)  
Bonnie Fredrickson  
Barb Kass  
Chris Byerly  
Brian Boortz

400 Polk County Plaza  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
Phone: 715-405-7323  
Toll Free: 866-405-7323  
[nwlit@centurytel.net](mailto:nwlit@centurytel.net)  
[www.northernwatersliteracy.org](http://www.northernwatersliteracy.org)

**Northern Waters**



**UPDATE**

FALL 2011 Newsletter

## 1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL RUN FOR READING IS A SUCCESS!

The morning of July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 began with some gray skies and rain, but by the time our cheerful volunteers showed up bright and early (6:45am) things were looking up! Northern Waters Literacy provided 14 volunteers who stuffed gift bags for our runners, took in registrations and mapped out the course. They were easily recognizable in their blue T-shirts and did a fabulous job making this 1<sup>st</sup> annual event a success!



The main sponsor of the race, Dr. Steven Bont envisioned a turn out of about 100 runners for this 1<sup>st</sup> annual event. In the end, we were pleas-



antly surprised to learn that 126 people participated in the 5K! The course began in front of Bont Chiropractic and took runners through Interstate Park, finishing in front of Snap Fitness of downtown St. Croix Falls. It included plenty

of hills, wildlife (some runners told of a deer crossing in front of them) and an exciting finish on Main Street.

Some of the seasoned race participants said it was one of the most challenging courses they had done! After the 5K, we also held a 1K race for kids & families.



Approximately 75 participants hurried to the finish and waiting for each child was a bright shining medal! Top finishers in the 5K received a beautiful handmade medallion created by local artist Leif Bjornson.



It was a fantastic day and in the end, Northern Waters Literacy was presented with a check for \$1,000! We can hardly wait for next year.





## Spotlight on Tutoring

By Leanne Waterworth, Program Director

**RESULTS of the *Dive into Reading Contest!*** This summer we announced a poetry/essay contest for the youth in our program. With the help of their tutors, students were encouraged to write about “why reading is important to them” in the form of a poem or essay. Grand prize was 2 Super Day passes from Wild Mountain Waterpark in Taylors Falls. Our judges had a difficult time choosing between the entries and ultimately a tie was decided between two students! Congratulations to Jarid Glynn, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and to Zach Knutson, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.



Jarid Glynn proudly receives his grand prize tickets!

### The 10 Commandments of Reading

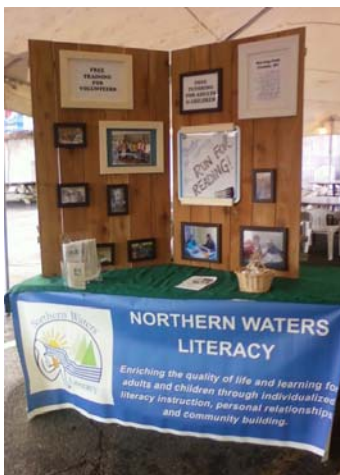
By Jarid Glynn, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

1. It helps you spell.
2. You can become smarter.
3. Reading takes you on an adventure.
4. Reading helps you learn and gives you knowledge.
5. Reading is fun with a friend!
6. Reading can teach you new words.
7. You can learn about ancient history.
8. Keep your eyes on your book!
9. Less talking- More reading.
10. Visit your library and get reading.

### Reading is Cool

By Zach Knutson, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Reading is cool in a school.  
Reading is cool in a pool.  
Reading is cool in a car.  
Reading is cool on a star.  
Reading is cool in a tree.  
Reading is cool when  
You are reading to me.  
Reading is cool in my home.  
Reading is cool in a dome.  
I like reading anywhere!



### International Literacy Day; September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

September 8th was designated *International Literacy Day* in 1965 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It is observed every year to "remind the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally. To celebrate and raise awareness of adult education and literacy issues, we will be setting up a booth at several Polk County libraries. Our hope is to recruit more volunteer tutors and reach out to those that may need our services. And thanks to a few special people who volunteered their services, we have some beautiful new display materials! Along with the display, we will be co-sponsoring a Children's book drive to encourage families to share the love of reading. New or gently used books will then be distributed to families in need in the Polk County area through a partnership with the United Way's Success by Six programs.