

HOLYOKE

HCC events to mark adult education, literacy week

In recognition of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, Holyoke Community College President George Timmons will read Eric Carle's "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" during Family Story Night at the college on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Family Story Night will run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the second floor of the HCC Campus Center with arts and crafts, a selfie station, giveaways, and raffle prizes for children and their families.

The book will be read first by Timmons, with translation by American Sign Language interpreters, and then in Spanish by another HCC staff person.

The purpose of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is to promote awareness about the importance of adult education and family literacy. This year it is being celebrated Sept. 16-20. HCC will be holding adult education and family literacy focused events each day. All are free and open to the public.

On Monday, Sept. 16, El Centro (HCC's bilingual student support program) will host Café Con Leche, from 9-11 a.m. in the El Centro office on the second floor of the Campus Center, while the Center for Academic Program Support (CAPS) will hold a free technical training workshop at 10 a.m. in the tutoring centers on the second floor of the Donahue Building (room 248).

At 5 p.m., the Marieb Adult Learner Success Center, the main organizer of the week's events, will offer free refreshments in the Marieb Center (Frost Building, room 264).

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, the Marieb Adult Learner Success Center will serve a free grab and go breakfast at 9 a.m.

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Holyoke Community College President George Timmons reads to children in HCC's Itsy Bitsy Child Watch Center. He will read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" during Family Story Night at HCC on Wednesday, Sept. 18. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Language program will host a workshop, "Spreading Positivity in Multiple Languages," at 10 a.m. in the Campus Center room 227, and CAPS will hold an afternoon coffee hour at 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 11 a.m., in room 224 of the Campus Center, Kermit Dunkelberg, assistant vice president of adult basic education and workforce development, will moderate a panel of students who have completed various HCC adult education and workforce training program.

That will be followed at 5:30 p.m. by Family Story Night.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, the Marieb Center will again offer free grab and go breakfast at 9 a.m.

At 11 a.m., Writing Center Coordinator

Frank Johnson will lead a free writing workshop in Donahue room 248. At 5 p.m., HCC's Office for Students with Disabilities and Deaf Services (Donahue 147) will serve free refreshments.

On Friday, Sept. 20, HCC's Sensory Space will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2-3 p.m., HCC will launch a new monthly support group for student-parents in the Marieb Center (Frost 264).

The week's activities are sponsored by the Marieb Adult Learner Success Center in collaboration with other HCC programs, including the Itsy Bitsy Child Watch Center, Early Childhood Initiatives, El Centro, ALANA Men in Motion, Integrative Learning, the Thrive Center and Food Pantry, and Student Activities.