

## **Living/Learning Center Programs**

The University of Vermont

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### **Literary Appreciation**

#### **Overview**

In the Literary Appreciation program, we will improve our knowledge on literature and explore the many different interpretations of certain works. This will be easily accomplished, in part, by the number of different literary backgrounds of the individuals participating in the program. The common room in the suite will provide us with a comfortable setting where we can either read individually or as a group. This will also allow us to discuss the literature with one another, giving our own thoughts and opinions as well as listening to other's thoughts and opinions on the same topic. By listening to other's points of views, we will hopefully acquire the skills that enable us to be more open to new ideas and opinions.

#### **Learning Objective 1**

**Each member will read at least three books each semester and be able to comprehensively discuss each book with the group.**

##### Action Steps

- A) Members will read the same books individually or in a group. (Ongoing)**
- B) A suggestion box for literature will be used for program members to anonymously make suggestions. (Ongoing)**
- C) Members will be expected to read at least one book every four weeks. (Ongoing)**

#### **Learning Objective 2**

**Each member will be able to choose one of the authors that we have read and talk about what they liked or disliked about this particular author. (1<sup>st</sup> Semester)**

##### Action Steps

- A) Members will choose an author who they will then research on their own time. (Ongoing)**
- B) Members will present to the group a project on the author of their choice. (November)**

**C) Members will be required to attend the annual Burlington Book Festival in downtown Burlington. (September)**

**D) Members will be required to attend presentations put on by the program directors where local authors are present. (TBD)**

### **Learning Objective 3**

**Members will be able to compare the writing styles of various authors. (Ongoing)**

#### Action Steps

**A) Members will read the required books and focus on the different writing styles.**

**B) These styles will be discussed at our book meetings.**

### **Community Service**

Members of the Literary Appreciation program will again be volunteering at the King Street Youth Center for the Each One Reach program. We will spend our time with children, reading to them or generally helping them with any homework they may have.

### **Plans for Interactions with Other L/L Programs**

One way that we could interact with other L/L programs would be to read a book and watch the film that corresponds with that particular book with the Interpreting Film program. This would give our members the chance to appreciate the same work in different forms and the opportunity to discuss the differences between the literature and the film with one another.

Another program that Literary Appreciation could interact with would be the Science Fiction and Fantasy program. Our literary knowledge could expand by reading science fiction novels with this program and discussing our likes and dislikes. After meeting with different programs, our literary program would be able to discuss with each other how these different interests fit in with our own interests.

The Martial Arts Suite has the idea of reading a book based on the martial arts. This could be another inter-programming event we do. After reading and discussing the book, the Martial Arts suite may decide to demonstrate some of their martial arts skills. The book may also have a unique style we can incorporate into our writing style analysis.