

Common Place Family Learning Center



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Celebrating 50 years of service!

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Mission

To embrace diversity and improve lives through education and family support.

Vision

To provide programs and services leading to a strong, caring community where all people are valued and have every opportunity to succeed. Core values are Commitment, Compassion, Integrity, Lifelong Learning and Respect.

Upcoming Events

Readers Are Leaders 30th Annual Literacy Walk for Common Place
 May 6, 2017

Riverfront Park, Peoria

“Sunday Sizzlin’ in the Park” Rib Cook-Off Challenge

June 25, 2017, 3-6pm

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50th Anniversary Celebration 2017 Love In Action Award Dinner Honoring Garry & Denise Moore
 September 7, 2017, 5-7:30pm
 The Warehouse on State



In 2017, Common Place Family Learning Center celebrates 50 years of service to Peoria’s Southside community. Since 1967, Common Place has provided an “anchor” supporting families and promoting academic excellence. Common Place provides educational instruction for all ages, adult literacy, GED preparation, after-school youth programs for K-12, and summer educational and activity programs. Our *Next Steps* initiative is described by graduates as “life-changing”; a twelve-week program leading to future education and employment opportunities.

Recognizing that good health options contribute to academic success, Common Place hosts a Weekly Food Pantry which strives to accommodate unique dietary requirements for our families. Common Place provides trained community volunteers, educators, and diverse opportunities for outreach and service.

Literacy remains strategically at the heart of our mission: to eliminate poverty through education. Initiated in 2002, the one-city/one-book annual project *The Big Read: Peoria Reads!!*, is a collaboration of Common Place and Peoria Public Library. *Peoria Reads!!* adds

to the Common Place mission of promoting literacy in our community. At Common Place, we believe that “Readers Are Leaders!”

How to Help

Common Place relies on generous financial giving. Support includes: monthly online contributions; year-round or seasonal gifts; special events participation; and memorials, tributes or endowment funds.

Volunteers seeking to share their time and talents are always welcome. They help provide the unique learning opportunities and academic support our young people and adults find necessary in order to succeed.

School and office supplies are needed to support literacy efforts. Non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry are always appreciated. For Common Place community events, volunteer opportunities and ways to contribute, please visit commonplacepeoria.org or phone (309) 674-3315.

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