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## **Literacy Volunteers of Bangor**

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## **Bangor Mayor Proclaims September Literacy Month**

**Bangor.** At 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> during a radio broadcast from BORDERS with Cumulus station WEZQ 92.9, City of Bangor Mayor Frank Farrington will proclaim September as Literacy Month and kick off Literacy Volunteers of Bangor's fall tutor and student recruitment campaign.

The three-day *Listeners for Literacy* radio broadcast with WEZQ will interview guests and supporters of literacy including: past and current adult students receiving literacy services, volunteers and tutors, donors, and members of the business community.

More than 15% or 150,000 Maine adults have low literacy skills that severely limit their ability to function in today's world. Low literacy is closely linked with poverty and decreased economic opportunities. It affects economic development, health and well-being, and future generations.

People interested in supporting Literacy Volunteers of Bangor can listen to the WEZQ 92.9 broadcast and make a pledge, purchase *Wish List Books* for its program at BORDERS during September 29, 30 & October 1, call to learn about volunteering, or call for information about services at 947-8451.

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