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## Message from Board Chairman Karen Lindholm



**Karen Lindholm**  
**L.O.V.E. Board Chairman**

**A**s I sit here wondering where to start, I immediately think of Dr. Vallerie Cave who made our Annual Book Fair a

huge success. Dr. Cave is the Executive Director of SCCPSS Elementary K-8 schools. She is a charming, genuine and accomplished woman. Dr. Cave emphasized the importance of mentoring Title 1 students because they enter school unprepared with very low vocabularies. She shared with us that she wasn't from a low-

This year we got a late start getting into the classroom due to Operation Beacon. Thanks to everybody for going through the background check process. Hope you all are settled now and building relationships with your mentees. If questions or issues come up refer to your Site Director who is there to help you.

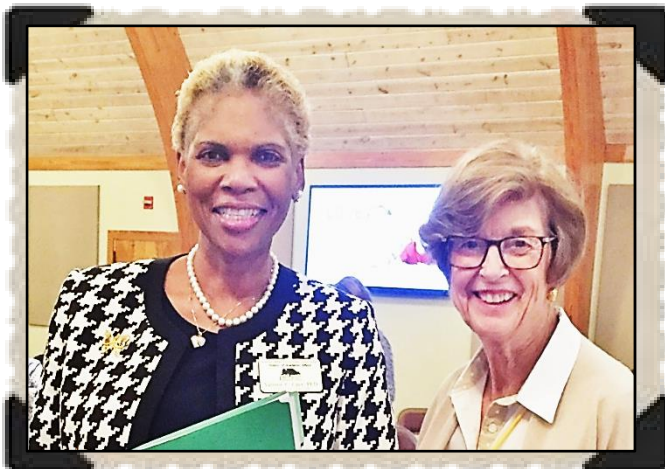
This is the time of the year for giving thanks. I thank you all for your dedication and participation in L.O.V.E. and wish you a very happy holiday.

*Karen*

**Karen Lindholm**  
**L.O.V.E. Mentors Chair**

## L.O.V.E. Book Fair

By Ginny Pierce



*Dr. Cave and Karen Lindholm*

income family but her father was illiterate and her mother, who was a teacher, taught him to read. She ended her talk by singing a beautiful song about relationships between a child and mentor. A huge thank you to Dr. Cave.

**S**everal years ago the L.O.V.E. Board voted to purchase books for the Book Fair for our mentors to use in mentoring sessions. Mentors are encouraged to select appealing books that are on their mentees' grade and/or ability level. When the mentee learns to read the book, the mentor will give it to the student to take home to keep. The mentor should encourage their mentee to read this precious book to their family members and practice their reading skills aloud.



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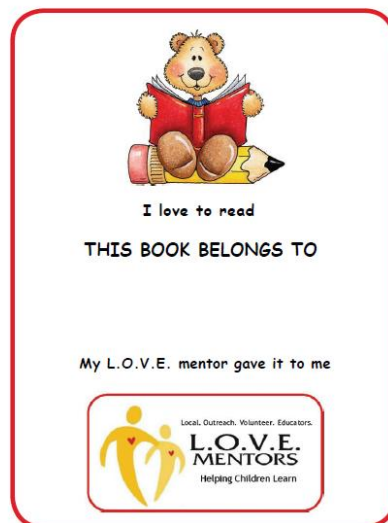
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A letter to parents on yellow paper will be sent home with the first book that mentees take home to let the family know the book is a gift. L.O.V.E. provides book plates to put on the inside cover of the book where the mentor can write the student's name and mentor's name.

L.O.V.E. purchases deeply discounted books directly from Scholastic. The funds come from a variety of donors who are dedicated and believe in our program, which furthers the education of the children in L.O.V.E.'s ten Title 1 schools. The last purchase of \$2,600 bought about 1,300 books, Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and multicultural, non-fiction, and chapter books for the higher grades.

Ginny Pierce, Mentor Support Director, ordered the books and coordinated the logistics for the Fair. This year a wonderful team of volunteers set up tables, carried boxes of books, put up grade level signs for the event, set up a speaker podium and microphone, and a table for refreshments. Thanks to all of you who helped make this year's Book Fair a successful event.

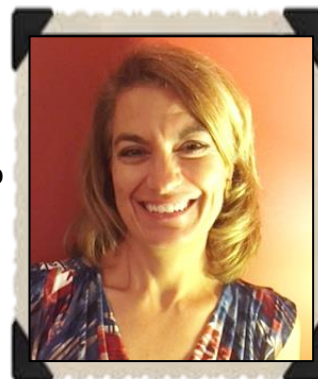
The Book Fair provides an opportunity for mentors to feel part of our "TEAM". Eighty-five of you had a chance to meet other mentors and share stories about your experiences. We all were especially privileged to hear Dr. Valerie Cave speak. The annual Book Fair is open to the community and offers an opportunity for interested people to know more about LOVE.



## The Million Book Project

By Laura Wehrle

An integral part of SCCPSS' new balanced literacy curriculum is access to books. SCCPSS has initiated a "Million Book Challenge" in order to establish libraries in every classroom in every school so that students have ongoing opportunities to select grade appropriate books throughout the school year. For many of our students, school is the only source of reading material. LOVE has raised \$5,000 to procure 10 classroom libraries -- one for each school we serve. We are providing 1,800 brand new, high interest, grade specific titles selected by Scholastic & SCCPSS. The collection emphasis is for the striving reader. Additionally, generous mentors have contributed over 500 used books for a total of 2,200 books. SCCPSS is especially excited to receive their ideal classroom sets, rather than random used titles. Ms. Aretha Rhone-Bush, Chief Academic Officer, conveys her personal thanks for L.O.V.E. mentors help.



## Tips For Tutors

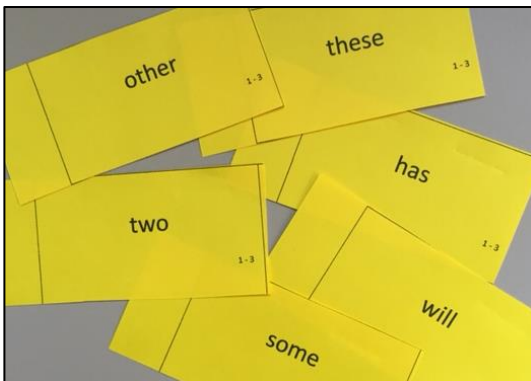
- Always let students and teachers know if you can't come.
- Bring a supply of tissues and hand sanitizer.
- Always walk your student back to the classroom.
- Be aware of your expectations.
- Use positive words such as: Good going!  
Let's try that again!



## Printable Fry Flash Cards

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o help a child learn to read, the printable FRY sight word flash cards on the LOVEMENTORS web site [ [www.lovementors.org](http://www.lovementors.org) ] are a great resource. The web site has all these words under the MENTORS TOOLS tab. The Fry Sight Word list contains the most common 1,000 words a child will encounter. By learning all these words the child will be able to read 90% of the words in a typical



book, newspaper, or website. The words are listed by the frequency with which they occur, so the first 100 words are the 100 most frequently occurring words in the English language. There are 10 groups of 100 words which can be printed individually.

An excellent website to learn about different ways to use the flash cards and see short videos about various teaching methods is:

[www.sightwords.com/sight-words](http://www.sightwords.com/sight-words) .

## What Is A Lexile Level?

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t is the measure of how difficult a text is OR a student's reading ability level. It tells where the child is in terms of reading comprehension and potential and provides a measure of the level of book difficulty that will benefit the student. This level gives you the information to help select books the student can read himself, to boost confidence, and those at a higher level that you can read to the child to introduce new words and ideas. The Lexile range begins at 5L and goes to 2000L. There is a wide range of reading ability within any grade or age group. Your student should know what his Lexile Level is currently and what the goal is for the year. Schools place great importance on improving the Lexile levels.



## LOOKING FOR MORE MENTORS Information-Orientation Meeting January 8<sup>th</sup>

**D**o you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested in being a L.O.V.E. Mentor? Please talk to them and encourage them to attend the Information and Orientation Meeting for New Mentors January 8 at 4:00pm at the SIUMC. More information can be found on the [lovementors.org](http://lovementors.org) website. Our program has been very successful and the schools are urging us to provide more Mentors. The children are looking for a Mentor all their own.



### Tax Note

**D**id you know that you are entitled to deduct the mileage you incur going back and forth for your LOVE Mentor sessions as a charitable contribution?

## WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!

**O**ur new Facebook page is up and running. Take a look and give us a LIKE! Here is the link to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Love-Mentors-Savannah-490586461310160/>





L.O.V.E. believes that improving a child's education is the foundation for improving quality of life. Classroom teachers have little opportunity to work one-on-one with students. L.O.V.E. provides this benefit to students.

## Board of Directors

The ultimate goal of L.O.V.E. MENTORS is to work in partnership with Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools to improve education and support the dreams of Savannah's children.

The L.O.V.E. Officers for 2017-2018 are:

Chair .....	Karen Lindholm
Vice Chair & Treasurer .....	Laura Wehrle
Secretary/ Technology .....	Samantha Lambert
Publicity Director .....	Carol Fallon
Mentor Support .....	Ginny Pierce
Recruiting Director.....	Dan Malachuk
Camp Director & Mentor Training.....	Erica Flett
At Large .....	Bill Monroe

## Schools

At the current time, L.O.V.E. Mentors serves 10 Title I schools in the SCCPSS.

SCHOOLS	L.O.V.E. SITE DIRECTOR
East Broad.....	Pat Cox
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Hodge .....	Barb Stuck
Isle of Hope .....	Betsy Hines
Low.....	Ginny Pierce
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Windsor Forest.....	Karen Lindholm

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