

# 2019 Be More Award Recipients are VITAL

## Be More Awards 2019

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network Be More Awards is the local community's way of honoring and applauding the outstanding, but often unrecognized efforts of its volunteers. Ten awards are presented annually during a celebration honoring nominees in which a \$500 check is presented to each of the recipient's volunteer organizations in honor of their outstanding service. [Read more](#)

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## VITAL Conversations



*For the first of an ongoing series of conversations with our volunteers and learners, we asked VITAL volunteer LuAnne to chat with tutor Dennis Davoren and learner Adam Garmon about what makes their partnership successful.*

*Adam has worked in construction and other hands-on trades, although these days he is on medical leave awaiting open-heart surgery. "I can make just about anything," he says. "I could build you a house." Dennis is retired, and while he has spent only a year as a VITAL tutor in literacy, prior to moving to Bloomington from Louisiana, he was a math tutor for more than a decade. Adam and Dennis have been meeting for weekly sessions since July 2018.*

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## VITAL: Winner of the 2018 Tom Zupancic Literacy in Libraries Award



The ILF Tom Zupancic Literacy in Libraries Award recognizes community advocacy for literacy by an individual or organization in cooperation with a library. VITAL received this accolade for promoting the importance of literacy and adult education at the library. Since VITAL's inception in 1977, our program has helped over 6,500 learners achieve their personal learning goals. [Read more](#)

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## Editorial Cartoons as a Teaching Tool



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## Best Way to Learn a New Language Quickly

When the goal is to learn a new language quickly is to learn the 800 to 1,000 most common lemmas (word families). A lemma is a root word and all its variations, for example: do, does, did, doing;

blue, bluer, bluest, blueish, etc. If you know the 800 most frequently-used lemmas in English, you'll understand 75% of everyday spoken English. From [How Many Words Do You Need to Speak a Language?](#) [Read more](#)

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## **2018 VITAL Quiz Bowl in Review**

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VITAL extends our sincere thanks for the 2018 Quiz Bowl, the fun, fast-paced trivia tournament that raises funds for VITAL and awareness of adult literacy. VITAL's 35<sup>th</sup> annual competition was a great success, thanks to the assistance and generosity of all those involved.

Congratulations to 2018 Quiz Bowl winners Trivial Pursuit and runners-up North Side Story?and thank you to all the Quiz Bowl teams for their participation: [Read more](#)

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