

Volunteer Opportunities News

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Wisconsin Public Television has several opportunities each year for University League members to participate in its fundraising efforts. Pictured here (L to R) are Linda Harvey, Cindy May, Sandy Nuernberg and Suzy Griffiths at the WPT March Fundraiser. Members also participated in the WPT Auction in June.

The next volunteer opportunity is with the Quilt Expo, Sept. 8 – 10, 2016. Contact Volunteer Services Chair, Sandra Nuernberg, sn333@aol.com, if you are interested in volunteering for the Quilt Expo.

New Odyssey Junior Program

Since 2003, the UW Odyssey Project has offered a free, two-semester jumpstart course in the humanities free of charge to 30 adults near the poverty level. Of its nearly 400 graduates, more than half have continued their journeys toward college degrees; some have moved from homelessness to master's degrees. In an effort to expand the family impact of Odyssey, **Odyssey Junior** was launched last year: an enrichment program for the children and grandchildren of Odyssey students.



Each Wednesday night in South Madison from September to May, the adults in Odyssey earned UW credits while studying Shakespeare, Socrates, Martin Luther King, and others. On the same nights in three nearby locations (the Goodman Library, the UW Space Place, HeadStart rooms), Odyssey Junior offered activities for 55 children aged 2 to 18. Children received intensive literacy help, went on field trips to the Madison Children's Museum and Chazen Museum of Art, took home a library of new books, and engaged in activities involving reading, creative writing, science, music, theatre, and art. Thanks to new grants and private donations, Odyssey Junior will be offered this coming year as well.

Look in your 2016-17 Yearbook to find ways to volunteer with the Odyssey Project.