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LITERACY ACHIEVES HELPS US ACHIEVE



Adult English language learners from Literacy Achieves participated in a half-day of service on Friday, April 20. Fifteen students volunteered in celebration of their recent graduation from their English language program and to practice their new language skills. Perot Museum volunteers Maria Ramirez and Gloria Perez, who also teaches at Literacy Achieves, were on hand to help facilitate. Literacy Achieves staffers, Adult Program Manager Liz Bruni and Student Services Manager Leti Bustamante also attended.

In addition to volunteering in the exhibit halls, these students have assisted Director of Evaluation Dr. Rose Jones by sharing their insights into how the Museum might attract a greater number of guests from the Hispanic community. Dr. Jones is chronicling their feedback and volunteer experience in an academic paper which will be submitted for review and publication later this year.

The Perot Museum is looking forward to a continued partnership with the staff and students of Literacy Achieves, whose mission is to “equip students with English literacy and life skills which promote self-sufficiency and the overall well-being of [their] students, their families and the greater community.”

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

On May 4 and 5, the Perot Museum hosted its first May the Fourth Be with You event. This two-day program harnessed the power of the Force to explore holograms, cloning, life on other planets, and more. Guests and volunteers alike were able to come dressed as their favorite *Star Wars* hero (or villain!) and took part in crafts, experiments, and photo opportunities that celebrated a galaxy far, far away.

Attendees witnessed a live battle between the light and dark sides of the Force through a performance by the Texas Saber Legion, saw a Tesla coil shoot bolts of electricity through the air during a Force lighting demonstration, and had a final opportunity to check out the *Journey to Space* traveling exhibition before its tenure came to a close. The Perot Museum sincerely thanks everyone who made this event such a success. It truly could not have taken place without the help of our wonderful volunteers!

