

We are proud to introduce our first WILLO GED graduate and the 2013 recipient of the Charles Kaufman scholarship, Julie Hangartner.

Pictured is CVTC Instructor Todd Meyer and Fairchild GED graduate Julie Hangartner.



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William M. Wilkinson-Hurst
Integrated
Local
Learning
Opportunity
or
The WILLO Project.

“And I took the road less traveled by and that made all the difference.” (Frost, R.J., 1916)

WILLO

is a community-based educational program offered by Fairchild Public Library in collaboration with Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) and Osseo-Fairchild School District.

WILLO Offers

the following **FREE PROGRAMS**
for any adults 18 or older:

GED and HSED completion

Career exploration

Test preparation

**Resume, Cover Letter and
Job Application assistance.**

Computer Skills practice

- Keyboarding
- Computer Basics
- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets
- PowerPoint

Summer Hours:

Every Wednesday
from 2pm-6pm,
starting June 5
through August 7.

Closed on Wednesday, July 3
for the holiday.

Additional hours may be arranged to
meet different scheduling needs.
Contact Ann or Rozanne at the library
to schedule.



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Out A
Free Education**

The WILLO Story so far:

My stepson Willy Wilkinson Hurst was the initial inspiration, motivation and impetus behind the Ged/Hsed preparation program offered at the Fairchild Public library.

Willy was a very bright, sweet, and funny student who had fallen through the cracks of traditional education. He was a kid who aced his tests, and intelligently participated in classroom discussion, but was often disorganized and lost his homework.

He'd fallen behind on credits and was eventually directed to the GED/HSED program offered through the high school. He participated in this for a semester and then went to work full time, not yet of age to take the official tests. He also had discovered he was to be the father of my darling granddaughter Lucy (pictured with her dad on the front of the brochure).

Willy often told me of how many kids were falling through the cracks, particularly because students no longer qualified for transportation if taking part in the GED/HSED program at the Osseo Fairchild High School.

He cared about the town of Fairchild and the people in it. He and I discussed how valuable it would be to have an educational option within the community, something closer to home. He talked to other potential students to determine how much interest there was, and came up with 10 names. So I proposed a program to the Fairchild Public Library Director, Rozanne Traczek.

After further researching the level of need in our community we discovered just how correct Willy had been. Rozanne and I (both certified teachers) consulted with a number of other agencies including Chippewa Valley Technical College, UWEC, and the local school district. As a result we developed a program that started on the first day of school, Fall of 2012.

Willy was student and at times assistant in our program. He often helped to promote the program and get the word out, a challenge in a small community. He would frequently come over after work to do Math lessons (generally after 11 pm). We would work on Math while laughing and joking until the wee hours. I feel so blessed to have had that time with him. He had so many plans he hoped to accomplish. We were making significant progress and had about eight students who were taking part in the program. CVTC agreed to expand the program so that we could have Todd Meyer, CVTC Adult basic education coordinator onsite for the second semester.

To our great sorrow, before the semester could start, Willy passed away. Since that time, Todd has been on site each Wednesday, and the program has 24 registered students, including three graduates. It is to Willy's memory that we dedicate this program, it is to his enthusiasm and ideas that we credit this program, and it is to all the people in our community that we offer this program.

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