

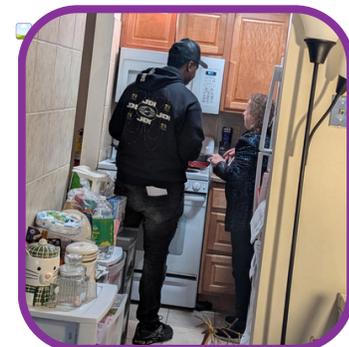
# Anixtercenter DISABILITY SERVICES

## February 2026

### ICILA: Keeping Up in the Cold

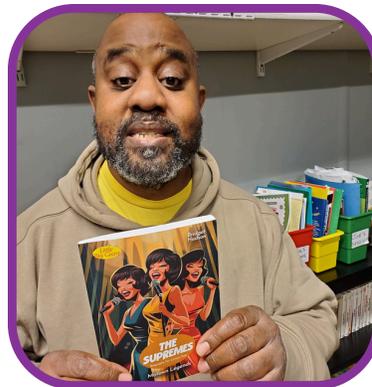
ICILA had an engaging and active month this February. Despite the colder weather, individuals enthusiastically celebrated birthdays, spent quality time with their support staff while learning to prepare new meals, enjoyed shopping outings, new restaurants, and participated in new community activities through the Adventure Club.

ICILA remains committed to staying active and involved, and the individuals are eagerly looking forward to the opportunities and experiences that March will bring.



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## Literacy Spotlight: Super Fan, Vince Reid Finishes Second Book While Enjoying Researching Diana Ross!



Vince Reid, a dedicated learner in our Adult Literacy Program, has reached an exciting milestone – he has finished reading his second book! This time, Vince dove into the world of Motown and completed the book “The Supremes, Motown Legends” by Bridget Hudson.

Vince worked closely with his tutor, Tom Williamson. When they began the 15-chapter book, Vince and Tom made a plan to read a few pages each day. This routine with his tutor built Vince’s reading stamina, confidence, and consistency. Together, they carefully explored new vocabulary and took time to understand each chapter. Vince shared, “He helps me understand all of the words!”

Vince added, “As I read... if we come across a word that I need help with, Tom teaches me how to sound it out and read it right! Tom helps me to believe that I can read! And reading is easier when you believe that you can read!”

Vince is a True Diana Ross Super-Fan. He is a lifelong fan of Diana Ross and The Supremes. Reflecting on his reading experience, Vince said:

“I really enjoyed the book and learning more about Diana Ross and how the Supremes began and how they became the Supremes. I could hear a lot of the songs in my head, and I remembered the lyrics when reading the book – it was some great words to remember!”

“When I was growing up, the Supremes began in the early 60s with ‘Stop in the Name of Love.’ They came out and sang their song, and I was in heaven,” Vince shared. Last year, Vince brought his love of Motown to the Anixter Talent Show, performing “Come See About Me” – and received a standing ovation! Vince’s passion for the music truly shines.

Looking Ahead

Vince’s accomplishment is about more than finishing a book. Finishing this book represents perseverance, partnership, and the joy of reading about something you truly love. Congratulations, Vince! We are so proud of your hard work – and we can’t wait to see what you read next!

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## McLean and Unity CILAs: Valentine's Day Celebrations

The residents of McLean and Unity celebrated love and friendship for Valentine's Day. The staff helped residents make decorations to brighten up the homes, served a wonderful Valentine's Day breakfast, make hand dipped chocolate covered strawberries, and served a wonderful Valentine's themed breakfast.

