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Literacy Volunteers of Washington County



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting June 16, our summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 9am-12pm.

Starting
June 16

SUMMER
SCHEDULE

Mondays

Office Hours: 9am-12pm

URI Graduate Village Conversation
Class, 5:30-7pm
July, Zoom only, August, no class

Tuesdays

Office Hours: 9am-12pm

Wednesdays

Office Hours: 9am-12pm




LVWC Conversation Class
11am-12pm

Thursdays & Fridays

LVWC Office is Closed

40
YEARS
and growing

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TUTOR HOURS DON'T FORGET!

Important Tutor Information

Off-Site Tutor Reporting Form

If you meet your student off-site (not at the LVWC office), please use this form to submit your hours.



Executive Director Torey Malatia with Senator Victoria Gu

LVWC RECEIVES A LEGISLATIVE GRANT!

Literacy Volunteers has received a generous legislative grant of \$1,000. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Senator Gu and the State of Rhode Island!

SPOTLIGHT

International Potluck & Awards Ceremony



SPOTLIGHT



Student of the Year
Summer Wang



Student of the Year
Pedro Tzoc



Tutor of the Year
Dave Brannick



Richins Scholarship Award
Bahar Dogan

THANK YOU!



A big thank you to all the students, tutors and supporters who joined us and thanks for the amazing food.



LVWC is forever grateful to McQuade's Marketplace, Lucky House Restaurant and Christ Church for your support year after year. Your generosity helps make our International Potluck and Awards Ceremony special for our students and tutors. Thank you!



TUTOR TIPS

by Barbara Heuer

Opening Worlds With Words

Last week, I heard a speaker use the phrase, “opening worlds with words.” It struck me as an especially applicable, appropriate description of your tutoring here with LVWC. You are not only guiding English language learners to navigate our unruly language, but also expanding their cultural perspective in the process. With every word you translate/define, idiom you explain, test you prepare for, school and work-related procedures/forms you help with, every reading, etc., you are helping them enrich their lives in the U.S. You are expanding their scope and possibilities...and probably yours too.

Here we are (already) looking ahead to LVWC’s summer schedule and looking back at a busy year. In the fall Tutor Tips, we recognized Ruth Colvin, the founder of Literacy Volunteers of America, from which LVWC evolved more than 40 years ago. Two takeaways from her far-reaching leadership in adult literacy are: 1. To appreciate the importance that one person can make in the life/growth of another - as seen in our unique one-to-one approach to adult student-centered learning of which you are a vital part! 2. To use English language materials tailored for adult learners, not grade school children, which build on their rich reservoir of experiences and background.

In the winter Tutor Tips, we discussed the traits of a good tutor. While experience is, of course, a plus, we emphasized that attitude and active listening skills are equally important when becoming a tutor. A sense of humor/patience helps. We then repeated guidelines for your real-time sessions with your student, namely:

- To listen and observe body language
- To ask lots of questions
- To repeat and reinforce focus of session
- To use many senses
- To make content relevant and draw on past experiences.

In the spring Tutor Tips, we described the uneven route to learning, the mistakes that are essential in the journey, and the process that, at times, can be frustrating and funny and fearful and fickle and far-reaching, etc. (stop me!)

We hope you have had a rewarding year. Whether you worked with a new student or stayed with a longtime one, whether you are continuing through the summer or taking a break, we hope you will keep sharing your “in the trenches” experiences...and keep enjoying “opening worlds with (English) words!”

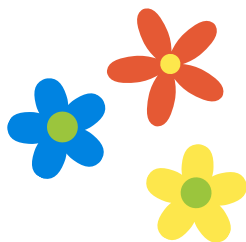
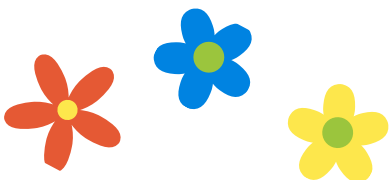
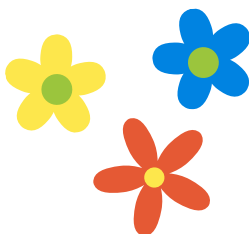
Happy Summer! 🌞🍹👋

Barbara Heuer

LVWC IN WILCOX PARK IN MAY



Community
Connections



Annual
Garden
Market Fair



CURRENT CLASSES



FREE CONVERSATION CLASS

For adult English language learners at the
URI Graduate Village Community Center

Learn English
and
make friends!

Access by
Zoom, too.

Join us!

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URI Graduate Village

Type: Conversation Class--June, Hybrid (in person and on Zoom); July, Zoom only; August, no class

When: Mondays, 5:30-7:00pm

Where: URI Graduate Village Community Center, 2900 Kingstown Road, Kingston, RI 02881

Email: Barbara at oberlejj@verizon.net to register for free

LVWC Center

Type: Conversation Class--In person

When: Wednesdays, 11:00am-12:00pm

Where: 7 Elm Street (Christ Church), Westerly, RI 02891

All levels welcome--no registration required.



Conversation Opportunities Online

ELL Beginner Class on Zoom
Mondays from 10 am-11:30 am

ELL Conversation Groups on Zoom
Tuesdays from 6 pm-7 pm
Wednesdays from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

These classes are free and open to any
adult English language learner.

Click Here: Email Brigid for Zoom Link

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ELL Conversation Groups (Zoom)

Thursdays
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Online event

Description: Practice speaking English in
an informal setting with Community
Literacy Council volunteers online.

Click Here for More Information

ELL Conversation Classes from Literacy
Volunteers of Kent County

Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM
East Greenwich Free Library (82 Peirce St.,
East Greenwich, RI 02816)

Zoom Meeting (link provided after sign up):
Wednesday Nights from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Click Here for More Information

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Online Conversation Opportunities

Visit our website to learn about Zoom conversation classes from other literacy organizations that are open to all.

www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/classes-gatherings