

Literacy Volunteers of Kent County, Inc
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From individuals to local companies, we are grateful for your support on our Spring Appeal

Did you know
LVKC has
Facebook & Twitter?



Support Us Online
Spread The Word!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

☑ Spring Tutor Training Workshop was held from March 23 to May 11. Thank you to our wonderful tutor trainer Stephanie. We welcomed two new tutors; Eileen Evans and Debora Ruzzo.

☑ Kathy Gray resigned in March and Youmi Kim has been working in her place as Program Director since June 1.

☑ Spring Mini Book Sale was on April 8. Thank you for all helping hands.

☑ Spring Appeal took place on May 25. We had thirty-one generous donors. We appreciate all the caring hearts.

Have You Met Youmi Yet?



If you visit the LVKC office, you'll meet our new Program Director, Youmi (Yoo-mee) Kim.

She was a teacher and taught in South Korea and China for five years. She has traveled America, Thailand, Japan, China and India. She loves to read, play music and meet people.

Her passion for education and literacy brought her to LVKC last June, 2017. She is very happy to be a part of LVKC and is looking forward to helping people fight against illiteracy.

Meet & Greet

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING GET TOGETHER
TO MEET OUR NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR!

Wednesday, September 6

5pm - 6:30pm
at Annex Room

Refreshments will be served

**Please RSVP to Youmi Kim
or Robin Leroux at (401) 822-9103
or email lvkc@coventrylibrary.org
by August 31, 2017**



In-Service

Wednesday, October 18th

6pm - 8pm

A light supper will be offered prior to the program.

Socialize with other tutors and students as you learn new ideas.

Re-certify during this In-Service if it is your time to do so.

Melanie, the Educational Director of Westbay Community Action, will present valuable information about adult education; GED, college readiness and literacy classes.

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Book Sale



Friday
November 3rd
9am ~ 5pm

Volunteers needed for
presale sorting,
set up, sales day selling,
and clean up!

Saturday
November 4th
9am ~ 3pm

Coventry Public Library



Bucket Raffle

🕒 Sales - November 1st to 30th 🕒

🔔 Drawing - November 30th 🔔

All raffle items will be on display in the glass case of
the library for the entire month of November.

Raffle tickets: \$1 buys you 1 chance
\$5 buys you 6 chances!

Doggy Gift Basket, Starbucks's gift cards
and many more items are waiting for you!



TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

☆ How Does It Work?



HOW CAN I
VOLUNTEER?

1. Call or Email LVKC for more
information. We'll send you a
Tutor Packet with a Volunteer
Application and all the
information you need to know.

IT'S VERY
EASY!



2. Submit the Volunteer Application
to LVKC.
Then take **two free online classes**
to be prepared for the fun offline
Tutor Training Workshop.



3. Join us for
**14 hours of free
Tutor Training.**
Midway through
training, you'll
be matched
with a student
so you may experience the tutor
process and receive guidance as
needed. We're here to help!



4. At the conclusion of the training, you will be certified as a tutor!

☑ Mark On Your Calendar! Tutor Training Schedule

September	October	October	October	November
21	5	12	19	16
Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
6:00 - 9:00 pm	6:00 - 9:00 pm	6:00 - 9:00 pm	6:00 - 9:00 pm	6:00 - 8:00 pm

Coventry Public Library & Annex Room

Welcome, New Tutors

EILEEN EVANS

If my mother had any time remaining after working full-time, running our home, and sewing all the clothes she and her two daughters wore, she would have a book in her hands. Following her example, I recall trying to read every word I encountered—on cereal boxes, in the ubiquitous newspapers lying around everyone's home, comic books, and finally being introduced to the far more captivating stories in the back of our school texts following those about "Dick and Jane." My family's collection of books was limited, but the library's supply was endless, and repeated trips to the library's stacks were just a way of life for us as children.

Recalling myself later as the mother of three children five and under, I see our frequent treks to the local library, the baby in a carriage and the slightly older ones managing to walk alongside. At that time, libraries had become far more welcoming than those of my childhood and, oh! the selection of children's picture books was so appealing. Encouraging my children to choose their own books and reading to them was one of the most valuable habits for their futures that I could have given them. These days, through the technology that allows me to collect resources while staying home, I have immediate access to my entire library, handheld and mobile in my Kindle, iPhone, and computer.

Although my college degree was in education and psychology, not English, I devoted nearly all my free time to reading, writing, and observing what others said, wrote, and published. As I moved into my last professional position in the workplace, I happened to suggest to my supervisor one day that if a sentence of a document were worded thus and so, it would represent our organizational mission more effectively. Eventually I was assigned to check every written communication that left the office, assumed responsibility for the monthly online newsletter that went out nationally to our members, and became associate editor for our quarterly journal. If I'd been asked to design my ideal career, I couldn't have come up with one more fulfilling.

Finally retired, I would spend hours imagining myself teaching a roomful of ESL students and considering ways to introduce the English language to those coming into the States—those with the courage to envision new lives here before they could make themselves understood. I never tired of letting my mind wander into that imaginary classroom, teaching imaginary students. Perhaps it took hearing of the thousands who lost their lives while trying to escape violence in war-torn homes and countries that made me call the LVKC to turn my imaginings into reality.

Although tutoring is still a fairly new experience for me, it is already a wonderfully rewarding one. I like Louisa May Alcott's version of receiving what you give: "Cast your bread upon the waters and after many days, it will come back buttered." As I help a student gain the language to express himself, I find that I am the one receiving and in ways I could never have anticipated.



DEBORA RUZZO

Now that I am retired from nursing for 43 years, teaching others to read has always been something I wanted to do. My Dad, like many in his generation was not able to finish high school, and struggled with reading, writing and spelling.

He was always embarrassed about not having these abilities. By helping my father with his struggles, this lit a desire in me that when I had the chance, I would help others learn to be literate. I do it in honor of my father who passed away a few years ago. The opportunity has also helped me learn to seek out creative ways to help a student learn. It's very rewarding!



4 FUN WAYS TO STUDY ENGLISH

❶ Talk to yourself in English

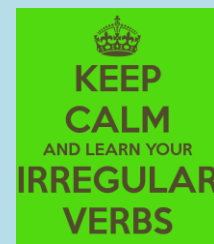
Though intonation and accent are important parts of spoken English, sometimes it's embarrassing to speak the way Americans do for ELL students.

When you're alone at home or in the car, start talking about anything! Copy how native speakers sound. Do this frequently and your English will improve!

❷ Bring your favorite material to your class

Are you a Red Sox fan? Bring a Red Sox Fan Book to your class. Do you like to cook? Bring your favorite recipe and talk about cooking with your tutor!

English is all about expressing yourself, and it's more fun when you talk about what you like ☺



What's calm about learning irregular verbs?! Seriously!

3 Watch American TV shows/Movies with English Subtitle

Using articles (a/an/the) and propositions (in/on/of/to etc.) can be very tricky. TV shows and Movies are fun sources to study English. Turn on the closed caption when you watch them. It'll help you hear the articles and propositions that are easy to miss. Remember, the more you're exposed to natural English, the easier it is to develop a sense of English usage.



YOU'RE
GONNA
HEAR
ME
ROAR

4 Sing English songs

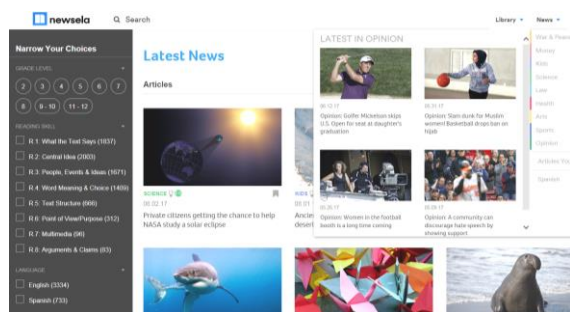
Sing a song in English the way it sounds to you. This helps you to improve your pronunciation. You'll be surprised when you memorize long English sentences through a song. Don't be shy; you don't have to be good at singing!

Tutor Support

Looking for an Article? There's Newslea for You!

Check out this useful website! Each Newslea text is offered at multiple tiers, for every learner, no matter their level. You can pick a theme and level for your student to read and share thoughts with you. Newslea is free and easy to navigate. Make your class more dynamic with Newslea.

Visit <https://newsela.com>



HOW TO BE A PART OF LVKC NEWSLETTER

*As varied as each LVKC tutor/student pair is,
so is the world around them. Everyone has something
to share that we all can enjoy, and learn from!*

- ♦ Send us your photos of any tutor/student related activities
- ♦ Give us examples of any holiday tradition you participate in
- ♦ Share your travel plans/memories with us
- ♦ Make recommendations for books/material used in lessons
- ♦ Write a poem, a story or an essay about any given topics
- ♦ Draw a picture that represents LVKC to you
- ♦ Share anything you have learned or taught while with LVKC
- anything that has impacted your life or the lives of others



*Many thanks, in advance,
for your future contribution
to the LVKC Newsletter.*

*As always, LVKC maintains the highest level of confidentiality,
unless otherwise requested by the tutor and student.*



Student Support

Join Our Group Conversation

START HERE

START HERE, a small-group ELL program, serves adult students, 18 or older. The conversational, task-oriented program helps ELL students maximize their English speaking skills and is free to participants. Participation is free but registration is required.

Coventry Public Library Annex Room

Tuesdays 10:00am
1675 Flat River Road
Coventry, RI

East Greenwich Free Library

Mondays 11:00am
80 Pierce Street
East Greenwich, RI

Online GED Test Preparation

Universal Class offers free GED Test Preparation course.

This online course will prepare you to take the GED (General Educational Development) test. The testing format will be explained and broken down to highlight the current four testing areas along with the content each of these sections will cover.

Visit <https://universalclass.com>



In Memoriam

◆ Gertrude E. "Betty" Royal (1920-2017)



Betty Royal passed away on July 28, 2017 at home. She was the beloved wife of the late Lyman "Bill" Royal. Born in Warwick, she was the daughter of the late Irving and Gertrude (Lawrence) Mills. Betty is survived by her loving son and daughter with seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

Betty was employed as a Library Aide in the Warwick and Coventry Library System and taught English as a second language.

During WWII, Betty served as a Staff Sergeant in the Women's Army Air Corps. Betty dedicated 13 years as a tutor at LVKC from 1997 to 2010. Her legacy will be continued with all students and staff who she helped in many different ways.



◆ MICHAEL McCARTY (1946-2017)



Michael McCarty, who was with LVKC since 2011 passed away last March, 2017 at the age of 70. Michael was born in Waltham, MA as the youngest of four children. He was married to Sheila with one son. He was graduated from Boston College in history major and Post-graduate at Boston University in Broadcast Communications. Michael spent his entire career in television news casting in a variety of roles: reporter, anchor, news director, assignment editor and producer. He worked at news stations in Bangor, ME and Worcester, MA. In 2006, he retired from NBC WJAR, Providence, RI.

Michael always loved teaching. He taught Broadcast Journalism courses at Northeastern University and Rhode Island College. Being an avid reader, news junkie and lifelong Boston Red Sox fan, he is remembered for his sense of humor and quick wit. With a passion for animals, he volunteered at Providence Animal Rescue League and Potter League for Animals located in Middletown. He loved to travel; bucket list goal was to visit all 50 states; he made it to 48 of them!



ALL ABOUT GED® TEST

YOU CAN TAKE THE GED® TEST IF YOU:

- ☑ Are at least 18 years old
- ☑ Are 16 or 17 years old and have the completed paperwork that your state may require
- ☑ Aren't enrolled in high school

WHY SHOULD I TAKE THE GED® TEST?

Didn't finish high school? Don't let that stop you! Taking the GED® test is your first step to a better future. Take the GED® test if you want to:

- Go to college
- Go to Career or vocational training
- Have a career doing something you love
- Get a better job
- Make more money
- Make yourself and your family proud



Students' World

Letter From Yasuko

Hello from Japan!! I've lived in RI until this summer. Thanks to LVKC, my RI life was so fulfilling. I joined the East Greenwich free library class for three months (just after I became a member, I had to go back to Japan) Even it was a short period, I learned about many things.

LVKC introduced my English tutor, Linda to me. We studied about basic conversations for half a year, and then she organized a book club. In this club, Linda and two other students and I read books, articles and discussed or wrote our opinions. In addition, we made some sentences and stories using new words. Linda gave us interesting topics and encouraged our progress. The book club mates worked hard and their opinions and stories were very inspiring.



Not only classroom lessons, but also we enjoyed the foods from our country of origin, going shopping, museum, lunch, etc. I can't forget the ocean view at Westerly where we had a lunch.

I got so many hints for my life through talking about our families, cultures, politics, latest stuff, movies...a lot of things with them. For me, Linda is a teacher, like a mother as well. My book club mates are classmates and like sisters at the same time.

I am very pleased that they have been treating me not as a visitor but a personal friend.

This experience made me think of becoming an international exchange event volunteer from this fall. I want to thank you all and take care.

Sincerely, Yasuko

In Memory of Michael McCarty

Hi, I'm Wenwen. I live in Seattle. Michael was my tutor through LVKC for an year when I lived in Rhode Island a couple years ago. He was a nice teacher and a good friend to me!

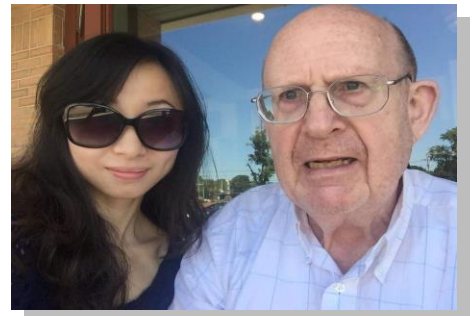
We met every week. He taught me a lot and helped me to solve problems that I have faced in foreign country. My English has improved through our classes too!

On Chinese New Year's Day, he gave me the Red Envelop!

That was a nice surprise! He also prepared birthday gift for me.

He was a very thoughtful tutor who learned different culture to understand his student better and shared real friendship.

When I decided to move to Seattle, he gave me the present that's from RI. I'm still keeping that on my desk. I was very sad when I heard that he passed away. I'll remember him as a great tutor and a dear friend forever!



The GED® test is made up of **4 test subjects**

 Reasoning Through Language Art

 Science

 Mathematical Reasoning

 Social Studies

To pass the GED® test, get a score of 150 in each subject. Get a score of 170 in any subject to earn the GED® score with Honors.

PASS 150

HONORS 170





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Your donation is more than just money. It's the gift of a caring heart.*

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of Kent County, Rhode Island since 1980.*

If additional information about any of the upcoming LVKC events listed in the edition of our newsletter is needed, or if you have any ideas about future activities for LVKC pertaining to their fundraising efforts or tutor/student support, please email LVKC's Program Director Youmi Kim (lvkc@coventrylibrary.org).

All suggestions contributed are a valuable component of LVKC's continuing goal to become an integral part of the Kent County, Rhode Island community.



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