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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the January issue of LVKC Newsletter. I still can't believe that it's already 2019. As I look back on the last year full of our events and stories, the memories bring me a big smile. Thank you all for joining our recent events: Tutor Training Workshop, Book & Bake Sale, In-Service, and Bucket Raffle all were very successful with your support.

According to a new federal study released in November 2018, more Americans than ever are volunteering. Volunteerism blossomed at LVKC as well. There were 37 active tutor-student pairs at the beginning of 2018. The number of active pairs has grown to 54 over a year. Average waiting length for the new students has dropped 4 months to 2 months. LVKC is as lively as ever with three on-going conversation classes. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to all of our tutors and supporters. Without your endless effort to fight for literacy, this would not have been possible. I look forward to another fruitful year with all our LVKC families.

Lumi Lim

Special Thanks to Those Who Donated Through Fall Appeal & Raffle

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

2019 SPRING TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

It's **NOT** a



Please
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as much as
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SAVE
THE
DATES

Thursday,
March

14th

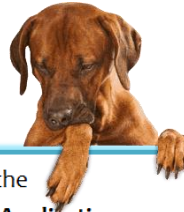
6-9pm



Thursday,
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21st

6-9pm



Thursday,
March

28th

6-8pm

Thursday,
April

18th

6-8pm



☆ How Does It Work?

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.

2. Submit the Volunteer **Application** to LVKC.

Join us for **10 hours of free Tutor Training.**



3. Midway through training, you'll be matched with a student so you may experience the tutor process and receive guidance as needed.



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

START HERE! English Conversation Class

Our small conversation group, **START HERE**, serves adult students who speak English as a second language. Class will cover American customs as well as vocabulary and dialogs for various topics such as community, emergency, parenting, education, work, holidays and transportation, etc.

**MONDAY
MORNING CLASS**
11:00am – 12:30pm

**EAST GREENWICH
FREE LIBRARY
SILVERMAN ROOM**

80 Pierce St.
East Greenwich

**TUESDAY
MORNING CLASS**
10:00am – 11:30am

**COVENTRY
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNEX ROOM**

1675 Flat River Rd.
Coventry

**TUESDAY
EVENING CLASS**

**WILL BE ON HOLD
DURING THE
WINTER MONTHS
AND WILL RESUME
IN THE SPRING**



Thanksgiving
Pretend Feast
at E.G. class

Participation is free but registration is required.

To register or for more information, please call us at 401-822-9103 or email lvkc@coventrylibrary.org

PROGRAM/EVENT REVIEWS

Tutor Training Workshop September 10 – October 22

Sponsored by Centreville Bank Charitable Foundation and the National Book Fund, our 2018 Fall Tutor Training Workshop successfully trained 8 tutors. Their students range from a 63 year old gentleman who's learning how to read and write to a couple from Peru who speak minimal English. Since no training can be 'one-size-fits-all', Youmi, the program director, and Kimberly, the tutor trainer, are always ready to come to the aid of our tutors.

"My understanding is that Kimberly is new at leading Tutor Training Workshop. Her enthusiasm and more experiences will really result in excellent trainer!"

"I'm looking forward to my tutoring experience!
It's good to know I have LVKC as continued resource."



NEWCOMER'S ALMANAC

Newcomer's Almanac offers a unique collection of information, advice, and cultural interpretation. Those who have moved to the US for work or personal reasons have found the blend of practical tips and thoughtful analysis of American culture during their transition. Individuals, couples, and families have made it a "must read," whether they have just arrived or have been here for several years. It comes with an English practice worksheet which gives grammar, vocabulary, conversation, and reading comprehension exercises based on articles in the newsletter. It'll be a great material for your tutoring sessions. You can download this monthly newsletter at our website:

<https://www.coventrylibrary.org/learning-resources>

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Trunk-or-Treat

October 26



"Look! There's Cat in the Hat!! I love Cat in the Hat."

"Oh, my God! They are Things! They like to have fun and make a mess!"

-real comments from the children

To provide a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience for the children in our community, LVKC participated in **Trunk-or-Treat** at the Park and Recreation Center in Coventry on Friday, October 26th. We dressed up and decorated with a 'Cat in the Hat' theme and met with over 700 excited children. We distributed flyers and newsletters to adults to promote awareness for literacy. It was a great way to meet our community and get LVKC's name out.



Bucket Raffle

November 1-30

Congratulations to 12 lucky people who won items! To those who purchased tickets, we want to thank you for supporting LVKC. With your generous support, LVKC can keep serving our community by helping people who want to improve their literacy skills.

A Bucket Raffle has been one of our annual fund raising events since 2014 and during the month of November, we raised \$555. Thank you to everyone who donated items to make this raffle happen. Special thanks to our Board Members, Mirta Pedrazzoli who donated gift cards to Cracker Barrel, Applebee's, Olive Garden and Best Buy and local artists Joan Giusti, Maryann Levendusky and Sandy Cabral who donated their beautiful handmade items.

If you would like to make a donation, stop by LVKC's office in the Coventry Public Library any time of year. All items are welcome, including handmade items, goody baskets and gift cards! Donate and see those items on display during the next Bucket Raffle in November!



To check out two local artists' website,
click on the pictures or visit;

Sandy Cabral <https://www.facebook.com/sandy.cabral.7771>

Maryann Levendusky www.facebook.com/maryann.levendusky

Book & Bake Sale

November 24-3

Logging over 200 volunteer hours for sorting, prepping, selling and cleaning, it was one of the most successful Book & Bake Sales ever! Not only is it the best way to get books in great condition for only a dollar, but also an opportunity to meet like-minded people who love books and baked goods.

Our annual Book & Bake Sale is held on the first Friday and Saturday of November and benefits LVKC and the Coventry Library Foundation. Thank you to all who helped out and stopped by for the sale!



In-service is where we gather to learn and share. Topics we've presented over the past 10 years: Home Safety, Health Care, TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), Responsibilities as Citizens, Working with ESL Students and Motivating Student Writing, GED Preparation, Working with Adults with Learning Disabilities, Immigration 101 and so forth. This year we talked about 'How to Use Chromebooks' with Christ Bourret and 'Creating Mind and Body Balance' with Joy Blum. 22 tutors and their family & friends, and one of our students attended. Any suggestions for next In-Service are always welcome!



VOLUNTEERING IN AMERICA & RI

Volunteering in U.S. Hits Record High; Worth \$167 Billion

Released on November 13, 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. – More Americans than ever are volunteering, according to a new federal study released today by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency that oversees AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. The 2018 Volunteering in America report found that 77.34 million adults (30.3%) volunteered through an organization last year. Altogether, Americans volunteered nearly 6.9 billion hours, worth an estimated \$167 billion in economic value, based on the Independent Sector's estimate of the average value of a volunteer hour for 2017.

"The fabric of our nation is strengthened by the service of its volunteers. When we stand side-by-side to help others, our differences fade away and we learn that Americans have more in common than we realize," said Barbara Stewart, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "Each and every day, ordinary Americans are stepping up to support their fellow citizens to help with needs both great and small because they understand the power service has to change communities and lives for the better."

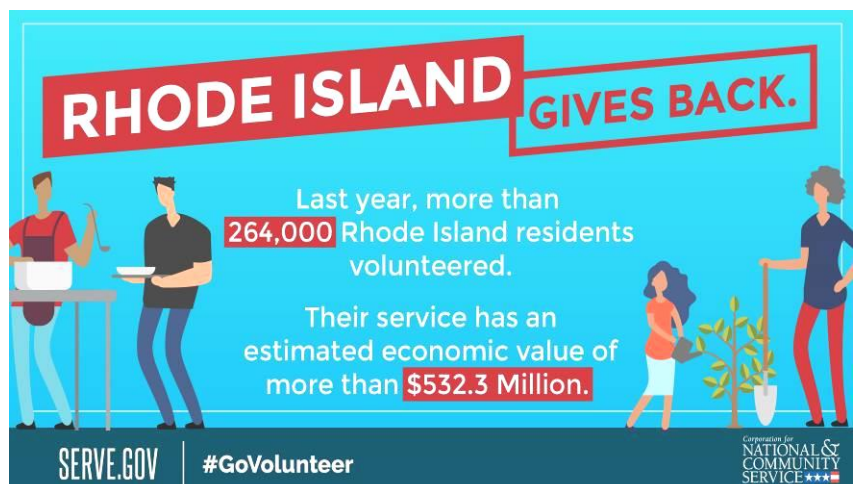
The research also found that Americans are generous with more than just their time. Volunteers donate to charity at twice the rate as non-volunteers. Nearly 80% of volunteers donated to charity, compared to 40% of non-volunteers. Overall, half of all citizens (52.2%) donated to charity last year.

The Volunteering in America research is produced by CNCS as part of its efforts to expand the reach and impact of America's volunteers. Collected for the past 15 years, the research is the most comprehensive data on American volunteering ever assembled, and it includes a volunteer data profile for all states and major metropolitan areas. The complete report can be accessed at VolunteeringInAmerica.gov.

Highlights of volunteers in RI

264,459 volunteers contribute **22** million hours of service
30.7% of residents volunteer, ranking them **33rd** among states
Volunteer service worth an estimated **\$532.3** million
28.7% of residents participate in local groups or organizations
60.6% of residents donate \$25 or more to charity

**LVKC's tutors, assessors, Board Members
and all other volunteers contributed
2828.5 hours last year.
Thank you so much for your volunteerism!**



TUTOR SUPPORT

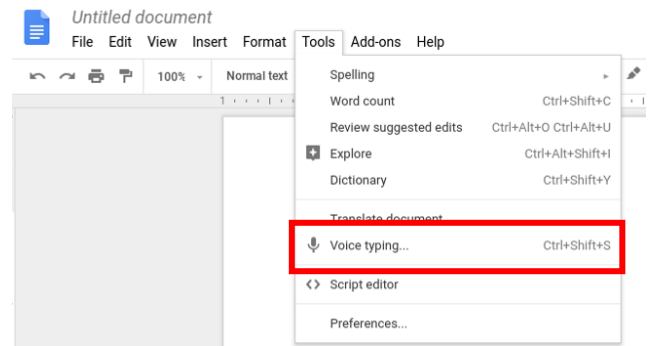


Check out Chromebook at our LVKC office for your dynamic tutoring session!

Chromebook is a laptop which runs Google's Chrome operating system instead of Windows or Mac operating system. Most schools in the United States are utilizing Chromebook in the classroom these days. Chromebook is one of the ways to connect us to our younger generation as well as being a very useful tool to practice English for ourselves. Here are some tips to utilize Chromebook during your tutoring session with both Basic Literacy and English Language Learners. These apps are already installed in our Chromebook.

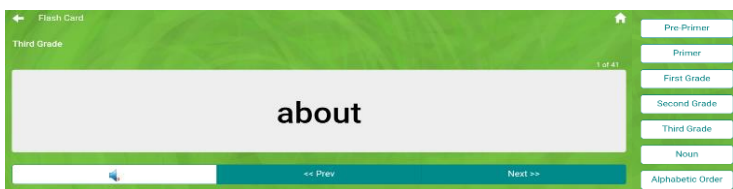
Writing Activity – Type with Your Voice

1. Discuss a topic of interest to the student.
2. Have the student retell the experience or opinion using 'voice typing' on Google Docs. Click **Tools > Voice typing**.
3. Read the story back to the student. Ask if the student wants to make any changes. Then practice reading the passage together until the student can read it alone.
4. Work on words and grammar from the student's story next session.



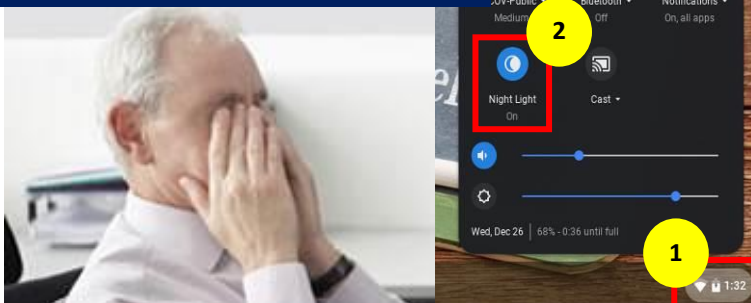
Sight Words – Dolch List

The Dolch word list is a list of frequently used English words compiled by Edward William Dolch, a major proponent of the "whole-word" method of beginning reading instruction.



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Turn on the Night Light



Khan Academy

Khan Academy allows you to learn almost anything for free; from math to grammar, explore them all! Practice tests are useful to identify where your student needs help.



Display It Any Way You Want

Our Chromebooks have a 360° hinge, so you can fold it any way you want. The panel senses when you place it upside down and prompts the image and audio channels to flip over automatically.



STUDENT SUPPORT

Learning Opportunities in Our Community



Click [HERE](#) to Access Free English Classes for Adults
at the **West Warwick Public Library**

**Classes run
January 7 - May 7**

For more information,
please contact Maria Saillant
at 401-828-3750 ext.3 or
maria@wwpl.org

Children 4 years and older
participate in activities with the
children's literacy teacher while
their parents attend classes on
Monday and Tuesday.

- **ESL Classes for Beginner-Intermediate Students**
Monday and Tuesday afternoons 4:30-6:00 pm*
Monday and Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm*
- **Conversation Class for Intermediate-Advanced Students**
Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm*
- **Civics Practice Group (for Naturalization process)**
Thursday mornings 10:30-11:30 am
- **Conversation Class for Beginner-Intermediate Students**
Friday mornings 9:30-11:00 am
- **ESL Book Group for Advanced Students**
Select Thursday mornings 9:30-10:30 am



Click [HERE](#) to Access an Educational
Program of Providence Public Library

Classes for ESL, Transition to College and
Careers and Citizenship are provided at
Providence, Pawtucket and Cranston areas



Click [HERE](#) to Access GED/Adult Basic
Education (ABE) Skills Prep Classes

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groups and Adult Basic Education in Washington County

Literacy Volunteers of Washington County is serving Westerly, Hopkinton, Exeter, Charlestown,
Richmond, Narragansett, South Kingstown, North Kingstown and Block Island



Free Career Coaching Service

Made possible in part with funding from the RI Governor's Workforce Board 2018 Real Pathways RI Grant

A career coach, Andjela Kaur, has extensive experience in
employment coaching and rehabilitative counseling.
She has some onsite hours in Providence and Pawtucket
and is available by appointment to assist individuals with
resumes, cover letters, preparation for job interviews and
exploration of career paths. For individual appointments,
call 401-741-3431 or email Andjela at akaur@riral.org



You can make an appointment at nearby
locations.

- Cranston Public Library Learning Lounge (140
Sockanosset Cross Rd.)
Thursday 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- West Warwick netWORKri (1330 Main St)
Monday & Wednesday 10 am - 12pm

SUPPORT SERVICE DIRECTORY IN RHODE ISLAND

The Support Service Directory is tool to locate and connect with support services and service providers throughout Rhode Island. It is designed to help you locate a particular service or support based on your need.

In this document you will find all providers and services in;

- Childcare
- Clothing
- Disability Assistance
- Domestic Violence
- Family and Caregiver Support
- Financial Help and Assistance
- Food Insecurity and Hunger
- Health Insurance(No Cost)
- Health Care(Low Cost)-Primary/Dental/Mental/Eye Care/OBGYN
- Housing-Securing and Maintaining
- Housing-Homelessness
- Immigrant Assistance
- Legal Services-General/Current and Former Offenders
- Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery
- Transportation Assistance
- Veterans Assistance

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OUR STORIES

OPEN LETTER TO TUTORS

In 1991 I became student at LVKC Literacy Program, to learn how to write, read and improve my English vocabulary. From 1994 to 2000 I become Chair of LVKC Student friendship group. LVKC Board of Director, LVA-RI board of Director as Student representative and Chair of the National Student Advisory board. In 2000 I developed Student Conference fund policies for LVKC students.

None of this accomplishments would have being possible without the help and persistence of my tutor Hilda Perry. She not only taught me how to read, write and speak English, but also how to become a leader and installed in me the love for the LVKC program.

Hilda came to my lessons with LVKC Newsletters. She shared with me any news of interest concerning students and also opportunities for students to collaborate with the program.

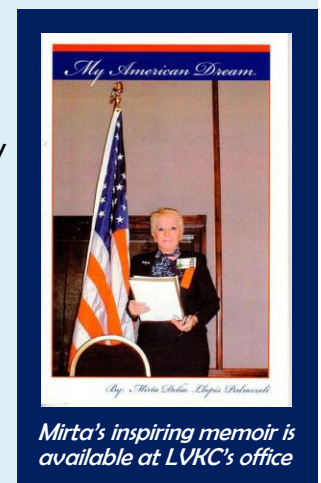
The newsletters can be a wonderful source of motivation for students, but sometimes because students cannot read and comprehend well enough what is in them, those opportunities get lost.

There are not enough words to describe how much tutors can change our lives and make it more meaningful. I believe that if, as tutors, you stimulate interest and curiosity in your students the way my tutor did with me, those students could also become tutors.

I will like to close with a very clever quote from Clay P. Bedford "You can teach a student a lesson for a day, but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity he will continue to learning process as long as he lives".

God bless you all,

Mirta Pedrazzoli



What I Won at LVKC's Bucket Raffle

I've never heard of 'decoupage' before but when I saw the 'Decoupaged Vase and Matching Bowl' at LVKC's Bucket Raffle in November, I fell in love with its beauty.

I researched and watched many videos on YouTube. I learned decoupage is the technic to decorate items with napkins, fabric, magazines, rice paper and etc. It was very surprising to see how many talented people are in the world, and they are willing to share what they know! Such wonderful people just like our tutors. I wasn't sure if I could do something like this, but thought "All I can lose is some sleep. Why not try?"

I had to work at night when my babies were in bed. Working on decoupage was very fun. One night I worked on a lamp shade around 11 p.m. It was 2 a.m. when I finally finished and I had no idea how time could fly so fast. The plain ugly lamp shade turned into a very classy one and now it's in my living room. It is very rewarding to see my art work around the house.

To end the story, I didn't win the 'Decoupaged Vase and Matching Bowl' at the raffle. Instead, I won something else; a wonderful hobby! Spending some time alone doing what I enjoy is adding a positive energy in my daily life. Thank you, LVKC!

- Lizzy Johnston



My Experience with Stephanie

My name is Debbie Champagne. I became a tutor after attending "How to become a tutor workshop", last May. I was matched with a student who speaks Italian, French and English. Her name is Stephanie. She is looking to improve her English speaking skills. We have been meeting on Thursdays, at the North Kingstown library. Thru reading, writing, spelling, speaking, we are achieving her goal. We have enjoyed and continue to look forward to our sessions.

Visiting My Home in Cambodia

A few months ago, I flew with my aunt and her family to visit Cambodia. From New York, we went to Germany, then Singapore, and finally to Phnom Penh in Cambodia. The plane trip took 25 hours, but when we reached the airport in Phnom Penh, my mom was there waiting for me.

I was so happy to see her. Then we drove a car to the Mekong River to take a boat to my home. When I arrived at my home, we met with the rest of my family. I stayed two weeks and my relatives and friends kept coming back and forth, nearly every day, to visit us. We were all so excited to see each other, that we cried. Even though it's a very long trip, now I will make plans to go again for my sister's wedding this coming March.

—Sinang Roderick



Doing My Best

By Dibry Hidalgo

I have to put effort in all the things I do every day because it is worth it.



My son and my daughter are worth it for me.

So I have to keep trying to do my best for them.

I am raising my son, so I have to do my very best to teach him all the things that he needs to learn.