



NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County

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by Dymond Bush

Welcome to the Fall 2020 newsletter of the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County. The world has changed dramatically since our last newsletter in January. We never could've imagined the world as it is today. Despite the pandemic, the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County has shown its resiliency. Tutors and students have found ways to persevere and connect virtually to continue their tutoring sessions. We are excited to approach this new normal refreshed and renewed.

The LVKC office looks a little different now due to the departure of Youmi Kim as Program Director. She has returned to Korea to be closer to family. We thank Youmi for her years of service to LVKC! New Program Director Dymond Bush and Office Assistant Robin Leroux resumed LVKC office operations in the late summer. Keep reading for more information about Dymond. We are eagerly anticipating a return to full tutoring sessions and in person programming in January. Until then, please continue to share the good work that LVKC is doing with your friends, family and colleagues.



Follow us on social media!



@LiteracyVolunteersKentCounty



@LVKC1

Virtual Learning Resources

West Warwick Public Library-English Language Learner

Virtual classes available by computer, tablet or smartphone)

- English levels include basic, beginner, intermediate and advanced.
- Citizenship virtual classes also offered by appointment.
- Virtual ELL Book Group (intermediate-advanced) - Select Thursdays, 9:30 am

For any questions, please contact Maria Saillant at 401-828-3750 x 106.



[Zoom](#) is a web-based software that allows groups to communicate via phone and/or video. Users are able to share their screens, which allows programs to show documents as needed during instruction.

[Free Conference Call](#) is a conference call solution which allows up to 1,000 participants to participate in a phone conference for free. There is a web-based version which allows for screen sharing, which gives instructors the ability to show learners documents needed for instruction.

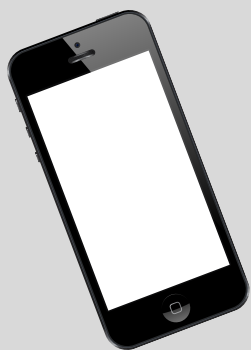
[Google Hangouts](#) is an easy-to-join way to conduct video calls between instructors and learners.

[Skype](#) is similar to Zoom or other software, Skype is an easy way for instructors and learners to communicate. You can download and access Skype for free.

[ESL Library](#) From grammar and literacy to dialogues, discussions, and debates, ESL Library's student-focused content makes it easy to find materials relevant to your student's language needs. The website provides 1,000+ lessons, 3,000+ flashcards, 200+ resources and digital activities in various topics from beginner to advanced levels ESL Library requires a subscription to access, reach out to the Program Director for the username and password.

[Cell-Ed](#) is a mobile app that uses 3-minute micro-lessons to develop skills in a fraction of time. Call (831) 292-4321 on any cell phone. PIN Code: 4321

[Learning Upgrade](#) is an app that supports learners with digital literacy. This app also offers math support. Students will learn about devices, data, content creation, communication, security, privacy, digital citizenship, technology, and more!



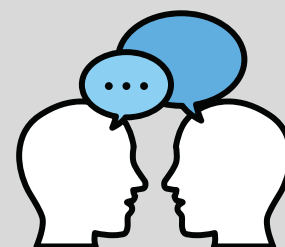
LET'S TALK CONVERSATION CLASS



We're back via Zoom!

MONDAYS AT 7:15PM
TUESDAYS AT 10:00AM

CALL 401-822-9103 OR
EMAIL LVKC@COVENTRYLIBRARY.ORG FOR THE ZOOM LINK



Meet the new Program Director

My name is Dymond Bush (she/her) and I am the new Program Director for the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County. I'm excited to get to know everyone and become more familiar with the Kent County community!

I'm from East Providence. I earned my bachelor's degree in Sports Management from Hampton University and a master's degree in Kinesiology with a specialization in Sport Management and Policy from the University of Georgia. I'm currently enrolled in the Master of Library and Information Science program at Simmons University. I most recently was a Program Manager at Scholar Athletes in Boston where I oversaw programming and partnerships at 5 Boston Public Schools. Prior to Scholar Athletes, I was a High School Advisor at the College Crusade of Rhode Island where I supported under-resourced students in getting to college. In my spare time, I like to travel, do genealogy research, and serve the community as a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

I can't wait to meet everyone! My hours are Monday - Wednesday 9:00-2:00 and Thursday 9:00-1:00. If you need to reach me, please don't hesitate to send an email or call the office at 401-822-9103.



Tutor Trainers and Assessors

We're looking forward to resuming full in person programming in January. To do this we need new Tutor Trainers and Assessors.

Tutor Trainers

- Tutor Trainer's Responsibility: Lead 4-5 sessions of Tutor Training Workshops (TTW) to help prepare our new volunteers.
- Tutor Trainer's Qualification: LVKC highly recommends you take an online training course provided by ProLiteracy to be a Certified Trainer depending on your background and prior experiences.
- Tutor Trainer's Benefits: You'll have an opportunity to interact with passionate volunteers who are dedicated to adult literacy. Tutor trainers will also receive a \$400 stipend.
- TTW Schedule: We have two Tutor Training Workshop sessions every year: Spring and Fall. For each 4-5 week session, workshops are held once a week from 6-9pm.

Assessors

A LVKC Assessor is usually the first extended personal contact a prospective student has with LVKC. The assessor's job is to:

- Interview and pre-test the student
- Make the student feel comfortable
- Educate the student about the tutoring process and rules that produce a productive student/tutor relationship.
- Evaluate the student to help the LVKC director and tutor trainer match the student with a suitable tutor
- Discover and document where the needs of the student are outside the services that LVKC provides



If interested, contact Program Director Dymond Bush at 401-822-9103 or email lvkc@coventrylibrary.org

Bucket Raffle

Support the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County by purchasing tickets for the Bucket Raffle. All raffle items will be in the display case at the Coventry Library for the entire month of November. Goodies from Korea, a designer purse, jewelry, gift cards, and so much more are waiting for you! By purchasing a ticket, you will help provide the gift of literacy to those in need. \$1 = 1 ticket, \$5 = 6 tickets. If you can't visit in person to purchase tickets, contact Program Director Dymond Bush to purchase via a check or credit card: lvkc@coventrylibrary.org 401-822-9103.





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Student Spotlight: Busharat Jalil

Busharat Jalil has been working really hard with her tutor Shannon Mark. She submitted this recipe for our newsletter!

Chickpea Salad

By Busharat Jalil

1 bag dry chickpeas

Soak over night in lukewarm water

Put chickpeas and 4 cups of water in pressure cooker with 2 teaspoons salt

Cover and boil. Cook 10 minutes on high heat.

Turn off heat and leave alone for 15 minutes. Wait! Steam will finish cooking. Then open cover. Cook chickpeas on counter.

Black pepper

White onion, diced

Tomatoes, diced

Coriander (cilantro), cut into tiny pieces

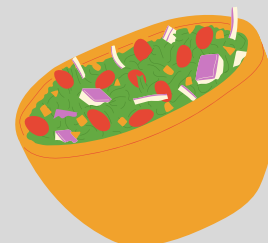
Green chili, cut into tiny pieces

Cumin powder

Red chili powder

2 lemons, one lemon for juice, one lemon sliced for decoration

2 large potato



Peel and dice potato. Cover with 2 inches of water, add yellow food color and salt. Boil 5-10 minutes, no cover. Cool potato.

When chickpeas and potato are cool, mix all ingredients together.

Add spices to your taste, the green chili, red chili, and cumin will be spicy. Refrigerate and serve cold.

If You Can Read This, Help Someone Who Can't.

Literacy Changes The World. Contact Us Today.

Watch your mail for a letter from us regarding our annual Fall fundraising campaign. While the Covid 19 pandemic remains with us, there are still many individuals in our community who need our services and LVKC continues to reach out to those who want to improve their literacy skills. If you believe what we are doing important, please consider a contribution to Literacy Volunteers of Kent County. If you work for a company that offers a charitable gift matching program, please consider participating in that program. As always, we thank you for supporting our efforts to change lives through literacy – one person at a time.

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Literacy Volunteers of Kent County (LVKC) is a nationally accredited adult literacy program that has been serving the families of Kent County and its surrounding communities since 1980.

If you would like additional information about any of the upcoming LVKC programs and resources listed in this newsletter, or if you have any ideas about future activities for LVKC pertaining to their fundraising efforts and tutor/student support, please email LVKC's Program Director Dymond Bush (lvkc@coventrylibrary.org).

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