



Literacy Volunteers of Kent County Newsletter February 2022



# President's Letter to LVKC Family

LVKC's President, Lynn Blanchette with updates on the program.



Thank you to all who contribute to the organization! Tutors and students have found great satisfaction through our program, and many friendships have been formed. Your continued efforts and generous financial contributions continue our gratifying and worthwhile work.

There is an urgent ongoing need for Board Members and volunteers to aid in the operations of the literacy program. Positions available include: **Social Media, Activities Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, and Grant Writer**. With your help, we can continue to make a difference in the community!

[Contact us if you are interested in volunteering for the Board!](#)

Read the letter from LVKC President, Lynn Blanchette to the LVKC Family in full below, where she addresses the state of the program and more ways to get involved with open positions on the LVKC Board!

Dear LVKC Family,

Literacy Volunteers of Kent County has been fighting illiteracy “one person at a time” since 1980. In these 40+ years countless students have improved their lives by meeting with a trained tutor to work on their personally chosen individual goals. Tutors have found great satisfaction and many friendships have been formed.

At this time, LVKC has tutor/student pairs meeting, assessors helping these pairs determine their progress, a tutor training planned for March, and Let’s Talk, our small conversation group, meeting weekly in East Greenwich. A huge thank you to all our volunteers that make these activities possible.

LVKC has two wonderful part-time staff members. Jessica Lam-Haughton is our Program Director and Robin Leroux is our long-time office assistant. None of this work would be possible without their hard work and dedication.

And, of course, another huge thank you to all who contribute financially to our organization. Between grants that we obtain, the in-kind contribution of the Coventry Public Library, and your generosity we can continue our gratifying and worthwhile work.

As you can see, LVKC is thriving! But...we do have one need, that being individuals to serve on LVKC’s Board of Directors. As a 501C3 organization we need to have a functioning board and it is this non-profit status that allows us to apply for and receive grant funding.

Our Board meets approximately six times a year (every other month) either in-person when possible or virtually. We are looking for help in the following areas:

**Social Media:** someone to work in collaboration with the LVKC office to keep our social media accounts active and up-to-date.

**Activities Coordinator:** someone to coordinate special occasions such as a tutor/student recognition event and to make sure there are refreshments for ongoing activities like tutor trainings and in-services.

**Secretary:** someone to take accurate and timely minutes of Board meetings.

**Treasurer:** someone to make deposits, pay invoices, make reports to the Board meetings and other financial duties as needed.

**Grant Writer:** someone to help Board members find and apply for grant monies.

While the Secretary and Treasurer do need to be Board positions, the other positions could be accomplished without actual Board membership. If you, or someone you know, could help us fill these positions please contact Jessica at the LVKC office at 822-9103 or email at [lvkc@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:lvkc@coventrylibrary.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynn Blanchette, LVKC President

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FEBRUARY  
TUTOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Spring Tutor Training Workshop

Our next Tutor Training Workshop is starting on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM! Currently, we are offering our Spring Workshop through Zoom. If you are interested in joining our Spring Workshop, contact us! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer Tutor with our program, visit our website.



## Tutor Check-In

Our new tutors are looking to connect with existing tutors in LVKC'S Literary Program to hear their progress, tips, and experiences shared with their students. If tutors would like to meet and share your tutoring experience with new and existing tutors, join our Tutor Check-In on Zoom in March 2022! If you're interested, sign up on our website, or contact us!



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FEBRUARY  
STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LVKC Book Club

Reading in a book club can be intimidating [*in-tim-i-dey-ting*], especially if you're still practicing your reading skills. With the LVKC Book Club, we want to encourage reading with camaraderie [*kah-muh-rah-duh-ree*]. In the LVKC Book Club, students can read at their own pace with a book they want to read, or choose from a list of books we recommend. Students can choose a book at their individual reading level, read on their own or with their tutor's help, and can discuss it with their tutor or fellow students! If a student is interested in joining our Book Club, sign up on our website, or contact us!



## Let's Talk Conversation Group

Being able to speak English confidently [*kon-fi-duhnt-ly*] means practice! Students may join Marjory and other LVKC students in a free conversation group on Zoom! Practice your English speaking and listening skills weekly on Monday Nights at 7:15 PM and Tuesday Mornings at 10:00 AM. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Let's Talk Class, contact us!



## Seeking Students

If you can read this, help someone who cannot. A family member, relative, or friend may be struggling with their English language skills, and may need help. If someone you know may be interested in joining our program for free one-to-one English tutoring, refer them to us! Have them visit our website, contact us at [lvkc@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:lvkc@coventrylibrary.org), or call us at 401-822-9103.



## Featured Vocabulary

**Intimidating** - producing feelings of fear; causing a loss of courage or self-confidence

**Camaraderie** - a feeling of friendliness, goodwill and familiarity among the people in a group

**Confidently** - having a feeling or belief that you can do something well or succeed in something



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