

# LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF KENT COUNTY

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## RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

New Pre-HSE (High School Equivalency) books have been added to the collection thanks to a grant from Senator Raptakis.

Pre-HSE Core Skill books provide the basic content and foundational skills needed to advance to high school equivalency level work in language arts (reading & writing), science, social studies, and mathematics.

Each book includes unit pretests and posttests, key terms, a glossary, vocabulary and skills tips, and real-world connections.

There are also FREE correlations and study guides for download. See the inside cover of the book for details.

Pick up a Pre-HSE Core Skills book at the Coventry Public Library or reserve a copy through your local Ocean State Library!

## APPETIZER – CHEESE BALLS

Try these at your next Holiday Gathering! This easy cheese ball recipe pairs well with any cracker or vegetable of your choice.

### Ingredients

- Two 8-ounce blocks cream cheese, at room temperature
- 8 ounces sharp white Cheddar cheese, grated (about 2 cups)
- 8 ounces Gouda cheese, shredded (about 2 cups)
- 3 tablespoons minced sun-dried tomatoes
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill or basil
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

### Coating Options (see Cook's Note)

- 1 cup minced fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons freshly cracked black pepper
- 1/4 cup toasted sesame seeds
- 1 cup walnuts, toasted and finely chopped

### Directions

1. To make the cheese balls: In a large bowl, combine the cream cheese, Cheddar, Gouda, sun-dried tomatoes, dill, garlic salt, and pepper and mix well. Form the mixture into 2 cheese balls.
  2. Choose one or two of the coating options. Place the coating in a shallow bowl and roll the balls to cover them well.
  3. Wrap the balls individually in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or up to overnight to let the flavors blend. Let cheese balls sit out at room temperature for 1 hour before serving.
- Store in an airtight container in the fridge for 3 to 5 days.



Recipe from *Magnolia Table, Volume 2* by Joanna Gaines

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## NOVEMBER BUCKET RAFFLE

Our November 2023 Bucket Raffle is here! Stop by the Coventry Public Library throughout the month of November to check out all the items you could win in our raffle! Enter to win at the Circulation Desk for prizes valued up to \$110! Theater tickets, gift baskets, jewelry, gift certificates and more! Tickets are \$1 per 1 ticket OR \$5 for 6 tickets.

## LVKC HOLIDAY PARTY

Literacy Volunteers of Kent County would like to celebrate the holidays with tutors, students, and family! Please join us for our holiday party on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6 PM. Please RSVP on our website, or contact us by phone or email, so that we may better prepare for the event. [coventrylibrary.org/lvkc-holiday-party](https://coventrylibrary.org/lvkc-holiday-party)



## CONVERSATION CLASS

Let's Talk Conversation Class is a small-group ELL (ESL) program designed to primarily serve those ELL students, 18 or older, who are currently participating in one-on-one tutoring, or those awaiting a tutor. This conversational, task-oriented program helps students maximize their English speaking skills and is free to participants.

Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM  
East Greenwich Free Library (82 Peirce St., East Greenwich, RI 02818)

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

Sign up on our website at: [coventrylibrary.org/lets-talk](https://coventrylibrary.org/lets-talk)

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## NEED FOR BOARD MEMBERS

LVKC is looking for volunteers to join our Board of Directors.

For more information on how you can help, please contact us at [lvkc@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:lvkc@coventrylibrary.org).

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