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RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Laubach Way to Reading (LWR) (Level 1-4)

LWR is particularly good for students who like or need:

- new information introduced in small chunks
- a lot of reinforcement
- a lot of teacher direction
- one-on-one tutoring

LWR is strong in teaching phonics, strictly controls the amount of vocabulary presented. Skill Book 1 introduces 132 words. There are about 1,600 different words in the four-book series with online resources to accompany the series!

LWR is good for tutors who like or need a lot of structure. The teacher's manuals, with their teacher/student scripts, give tutors extensive support.

Pick up a copy of this series at the Coventry Public Library or reserve a copy through your local Ocean State Library!

EXCITING UPDATES FOR TUTORS

On behalf of the LVKC team, thank you for responding to the Literacy Tutors' Feedback Survey sent out earlier this year. We truly appreciate the overwhelming response, as well as the thoughtful suggestions and feedback you provided.

Based on your input, we have identified key areas for improving the Literacy Program—both in the short and long term—to enhance the tutor experience and increase the effectiveness of the program.

Here are a few initiatives we're implementing right away:

- <u>Private Facebook Group LVKC Tutor Forum</u>: A dedicated space for tutors to connect, share ideas, and exchange resource information in a supportive community. Please follow the link to join the group. (https://www.facebook.com/groups/lvkctutors)
- Google Drive Resource Library: A centralized repository of lesson plans, helpful links, past newsletters, and other valuable LVKC materials to support your tutoring sessions. (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RRPZiDtFsvKtPNxWoACtiimOFeoaf 2Mh?usp=drive_link)
- <u>Launch of the LVKC Tutor Network</u>: We're planning an in-person tutor kickoff event on September 30, 2025 at 5:30 PM to help tutors connect, collaborate, and share best practices. Following this, the network will transition to an online forum to ensure continued engagement and resource sharing. Please be on a lookout for additional information about this.

We'll continue to keep you updated as new programs and resources are added. Thank you for being an essential part of the LVKC community!

Please contact lvkc@coventrylibrary.org should you have any questions.

Warm regards, LVKC Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We'd like to congratulate Natalya on becoming a United States of America Citizen! Thank you to her tutor Bob for his help in her journey!



LVKC would also like to congratulate Phuong on obtaining a new job! We thank her tutor Michele for helping her achieve her goal!

TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

LVKC's Fall 2025 Tutor Training Workshop is scheduled for September 15, 22 & 29, 2025 with a follow-up on November 10, 2025 in the Literacy Room at the Coventry Town Hall Annex (1675 Flat River Rd, Coventry, RI).

If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, please fill out the tutor application at coventrylibrary.org/tutors

STORYWALK WITH THE LIBRARY

On Wednesday, September 17th, from 3 to 5 pm, families with children of all ages can enjoy an outdoor StoryWalk* at the Coventry Public Library. Little Night, Nochecita is a bilingual English/Spanish picture book by Yuyi Morales. This StoryWalk* is being offered by the Coventry Public Library and the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County.

This StoryWalk* is weather permitting, with a rain date of September 24th.This is a drop-in family program.Please call Youth Services at 822-9102 with any questions.

"The StoryWalk" Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk" is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson."

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