

# LVWC Student & Tutor News

Summer 2023

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## LVWC's Summer Schedule

Starting June 19

Office hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00am-12:00pm



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# International Potluck & Awards Ceremony

A Celebration of Success!



*Tutor of the Year 2023*

*Kathy Busse and Mary Carol  
Kendzia*



*Student of the Year 2023*

*Feng Chen and Mary Carol Kendzia*



*Richins Scholarship Award 2023*

*Washington Cobena and Mary  
Carol Kendzia*





# Announcements & Events

## Summer Teen Conversation Class

Wednesdays, 11:00am-12:00pm at the LVWC office. (June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26)

Open to any 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade student who is an English language learner

[www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/students](http://www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/students)

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**Teen Conversation Class for English Language Learners**

**Starts Wednesday June 21**

To learn more visit our website

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## Tutors, don't forget to submit those hours.

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### Tutors

Want to register as a tutor?  
Fill out this form.

Registration Form

Off-Site Tutor Reporting

Please report your hours with this online form if you do not meet at the literacy center in Westerly or do not use the LVWC Zoom account. This information is very important.  
Thank you!  
\*required information

Tutor Name: \*

Tutor E-mail: \*

Date of Meeting: \*

Meeting Length (1 hr, 2 hr...) \*

Student Name: \*

# Summer Classes

These classes are for adult English language learners.

Visit [www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/classes-gatherings](http://www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/classes-gatherings) for current offerings.



## URI Graduate Village Conversation

**Type:** Conversation Class—HYBRID (in person and Zoom)

**When:** Mondays 5:30-7:00pm

**Where:** URI Graduate Village Community Center, 2900 Kingstown Rd, Kingston, RI 02881

**Email:** Barbara at [oberlejj@verizon.net](mailto:oberlejj@verizon.net) to register

## LVWC Center

**Type:** Conversation Class—IN PERSON

**When:** Wednesdays from 11:00am-12:00pm through July

**Where:** 7 Elm Street (Christ Church) Westerly, RI at the LVWC Center

*All levels welcome—No registration required*



Our adult Wednesday conversation class will continue through July.  
11:00am-12:00pm

All levels  
no registration required  
7 Elm Street, Westerly, RI  
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See our website for more information  
[www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/classes-gatherings](http://www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/classes-gatherings)



## Mystic-Noank Conversation

**Type:** Conversation Class—IN PERSON

**When:** Fridays from 10:15-11:30am

**Where:** Mystic-Noank Library, 40 Library St, Mystic, CT 06355

**Email:** Kathy at [kbusse6@gmail.com](mailto:kbusse6@gmail.com) to register

**“A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.”  
R.W. Emerson**

## Tutor Tips

By Barbara Heuer

As we move to a different pace and schedule for the summer, we want to thank you for your conscientious tutoring and the care you put into our “student-centered” LVWC.

In past columns we’ve reminded you of research-tested strategies that enhance your tutoring, like listening actively to your student and noticing body language; embracing silent pauses as your student composes her responses; and like encouraging repetition and practice.

In this last tutor tips column of this school year, I want to consider the trajectory (or lack thereof) of your tutoring this year. Rather than offering tips to use in your individual sessions with your student, I suggest you step back and reflect to see any patterns in your student’s literacy learning. (Obviously, this will not fit every tutor’s situation, but take what you will.)

Last week at my granddaughter’s high school graduation (!), the commencement speaker outlined his very non-linear, uneven path to success. His message to the

graduates was that it took many personal, professional, and educational missteps to arrive at his present well-being. But he did.

Theresa and I have had tutors tell us they worry when their student doesn’t seem to be making any progress, doesn’t remember vocabulary words or correct pronunciation or last week’s topic. This frustration is understandable. As you know so well, the road to literacy is not a direct route from a to z, heck, it may not even be paved (sorry!). It may be filled with u-turns, detours, traffic, breakdowns, accidents, etc. (sorry again!). And the destination may keep moving!

This (too corny?) metaphor applies to the adult learner’s journey. It makes even more sense when we remember multi-layered factors that affect your adult student’s learning: past education and experiences; learning styles; cultural and social influences; work and family obligations; and readiness. Hopefully, you consider these movable parts in your student and in yourself when you tutor.

We are here to support you...over the bumps and byways (stop me!). We believe our individualized

tutoring program and your flexibility, patience and trust-in-the-process are the keys to success. Thank you. Please keep your questions and ideas coming.

Have a great summer!



## Tutor Gatherings Coming Up This Fall

**September 25 at LVWC, 11:30am-12:30pm**

**October 30 at the Kingston Free Library, 11:30am-12:30pm**

**November 27 at LVWC, 11:30am-12:30pm**