

LVWC Student & Tutor News

Summer 2024

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Summer Hours

Literacy Volunteers of Washington County summer hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00am to 12:00pm for July and August.

STARTING JUNE 17

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUMMER HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9am-12pm
Wednesday: 9am-12pm
Thursday: 9am-12pm
Friday: Closed

June 17- August 30

WESTERLY CONVERSATION CLASS

LVWC Office: Wednesdays only
11am-12pm
No Tuesday Classes

June 17- August 30

URI/KINGSTON CONVERSATION CLASS

URI Graduate Village Community Center
Mondays: 5:30-7:00pm
June: Hybrid
July: Zoom only
August: No class/break

June 1- July 31

For more information and updates, please contact us at
www.literacywashingtoncounty.org



Literacy Volunteers of Washington County

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Join us!



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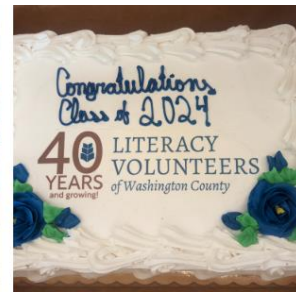
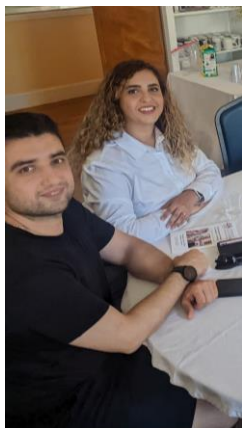
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International Potluck & Awards Ceremony

Thanks to everyone who
came out to celebrate with
us!



Spotlight

In our spotlight this newsletter, we celebrate those who earned special recognition at our International Potluck and Awards Ceremony.



Paul Malzahn, The Ramon García Tutor of the Year 2024

Paul started in September of 2019. He helped out with conversation classes, then matched with Bill Soares. He has been working with him ever since. Paul has logged in over 300 tutor hours! He has a willing spirit to help wherever he can.



Janet Vuong, Student of the Year 2024

Janet started with us in October of 2021, and she has been working with her tutor Raydeen Naughton that whole time. She regularly attends conversation classes, and she has logged over 250 hours! You will often hear Janet encouraging others to speak up in conversation class, and she is also known to fix the occasional broken chair.



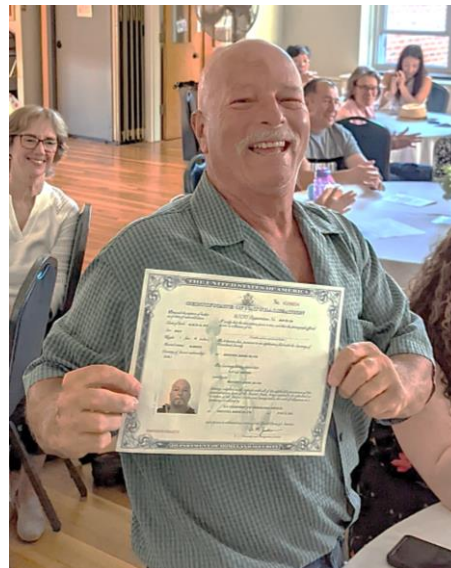
Ling Springer, Special Recognition 2024

Ling started with LVWC as a student, became a staff member, and remains a valuable LVWC volunteer. She has been with us forever! Ling always encourages English language learners to come get help with us. She is also instrumental in getting food donations for our annual potluck every year.



Mahzad Farzad, Bob Richins Scholarship Recipient 2024

Mahzad started in March of this year. She meets regularly with her tutor Lois and also attends the URI Graduate Village Conversation class. Mahzad will use this scholarship for her Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination fee.



Natale Cofone, Bob Richins Scholarship Recipient 2024 and U.S. Citizenship Recognition

Nate started in June 2006, and he has logged in close to 900 hours. He has been preparing for his citizenship exam for almost two years. Nate will use this scholarship for his citizenship fee.



Kai On Pun, U.S. Citizenship Recognition

Kai On was a Bob Richins Scholarship recipient in 2020 and used the scholarship to cover his citizenship fee. Kai On passed his citizenship exam in December of 2023.



Washington Cobeña, U.S. Citizenship Recognition

Washington was the Bob Richins Scholarship recipient in 2023 and used the scholarship to cover his citizenship fee. Washington passed his citizenship exam in October of 2023.

Announcements & Events

Summer hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:00am-12:00pm

Regular hours start Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Summer conversation classes:

At LVWC, Wednesdays only in July. At the URI Graduate Village, July will be on ZOOM only. No conversation classes in August. Conversation class will start again in September.



We are here to help!
Mary Carol, Theresa, Barbara and Jess

Tutors, don't forget to submit those hours.

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Tutors

[Click here to become a tutor!](#)

Tutor Handbook
Browse through our Tutor Handbook to learn more about being a tutor for LVWC

Off-Site Tutor Reporting Form

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

* Indicates required question

Email *
Your email

Tutor Name *
Your answer

If you and your student do not meet at the LVWC office and sign in, please remember to fill out the Off-Site Tutor Reporting Form.

You may have noticed it looks a little different as it is now a Google Form. This helps us collect better information, and it enables us to send you a copy of what you have submitted to help you keep track.

Current Classes

These classes are for adult English language learners.

Visit www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/classes-gatherings for current offerings.

URI Graduate Village Conversation

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

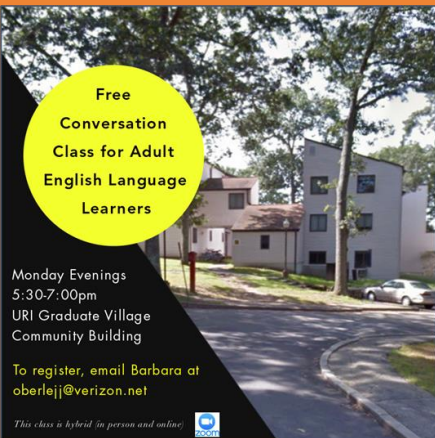
When: Mondays 5:30-7:00pm

During July: ZOOM only

No conversation classes in August.

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

Email: Barbara at oberlejj@verizon.net to register




LVWC Center

Type: Conversation Class—IN PERSON

When: **Wednesdays only, 11:00am-12:00pm**

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

All levels welcome—No registration required



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for adult English language learners
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
11:00am-12:00pm

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See our website for more information
www.literacywashingtoncounty.org/classes-gatherings

Conversation Opportunities Online

ELL Beginner Class on Zoom
Mondays from 10 am-11:30 am

ELL Conversation Groups on Zoom:
Tuesdays from 6 pm-7 pm
Wednesdays from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

These classes are free and open to any
adult English language learner.

Click Here: [Email Bridget for Zoom Link](#)

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Contact Bridget Pigott,
Literacy/Volunteer Coordinator for
the Zoom link.
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ELL Conversation Groups (Zoom)

Thursdays
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Online event

Description: Practice speaking English in
an informal setting with Community
Literacy Council volunteers online.

Click Here for More Information

Canton Public Library
connecting your community

ELL Conversation Classes from Literacy
Volunteers of Kent County

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

Click Here for More Information

**LITERACY
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OF KENT COUNTY**

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

Online Conversation Opportunities

Visit our website to learn about Zoom conversation classes
from other literacy organizations that are open to all.

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Tutor Tips

By Barbara Heuer

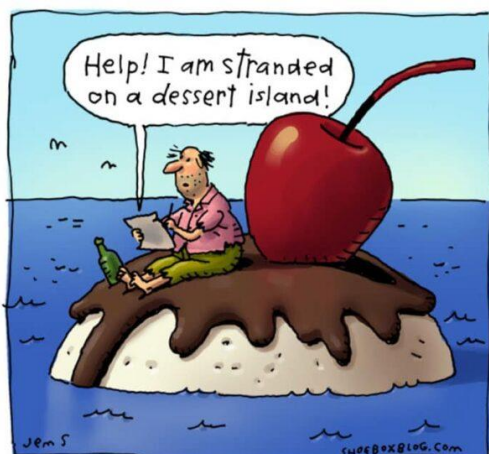
"In life, it's not where you go, it's who you travel with." Charles Schulz

Thank you for traveling with us as tutors this past year...with your dedication and energy...through the circuitous and challenging maze of English language learning (and other related tasks!).

As we launch into our summer schedule, we wish you a refreshing change of pace, wherever your travels take you.

With much appreciation from all of us at LVWC,

Mary Carol, Theresa, Jess and Barbara



WHY ENGLISH IS HARD TO LEARN

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his*, and *him*;
But imagine the feminine . . . *she*, *shis*, and *shim*!

- ANONYMOUS

Tutor Gatherings Coming Up This Fall

September 30, 2024 at the LVWC Office, Westerly, RI

October 28, 2024 at the Kingston Free Library, Kingston, RI

November 25, 2024 at the LVWC Office, Westerly, RI

Garden Market Fair at the Wilcox Park

Thanks for stopping by



We also want to give a shout out to our tutors who helped us staff the booth: Diana Linden, Carol Hervey, Tom Meade, and Gerry Tobin. Thank you!