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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Let me take you to 1980 for a brief moment. Michael Jackson's new disco "Rock with You" hit number one on the US Billboard pop chart; CNN was established as a 24-hour cable news channel in Atlanta, Georgia; Pac-man video game just came out; typewriters were a standard fixture in most offices; and Literacy Volunteers of Kent County was founded in Coventry, Rhode Island.

Since then for the past 40 years, LVKC has been serving our community with dedicated volunteer tutors. Our students earned their GED credentials and enrolled in colleges; became proud US citizens; passed their driver's license test; became professionals like Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) and Teaching Assistant (TA); and some even started a new business. The impact we are making together in our community by sharing and learning is immeasurable. At the center of all LVKC's accomplishments is your passion and dedication. All of you deserve big hugs and cheers.

Let's keep up the good work to make the world better place in 2020. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Lauri Kim

SAVE THE DATE FOR FOR OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
MAY 13, 2020



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tutor Training Workshop

| SESSION 1 | SESSION 2 | SESSION 3 | SESSION 4 |
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| Thursday, March 12 6-9pm | Thursday, March 19 6-9pm | Thursday, March 26 6-8pm | Thursday, April 16 6-8pm |

Our Workshop Includes:

- ✓ Principles of Adult Learning
- ✓ Goal Setting and Case Study
- ✓ Language Learning Activities
- ✓ Teaching Techniques and Lesson Planning
- ✓ Awareness for Cultural Differences



**Our 2020 Spring
Tutor Training
Workshop is funded
by Walmart
Foundation's
Community Grant
Program**



Our 10 hours of free Tutor Training Workshop is famous for being fun and informative, in a friendly and interactive environment.

After the third session, new tutors will be matched with students so they may experience the tutor process. At the last session, tutors will share their experiences and feedbacks.



**Welcome to the 21 new tutors
who joined us in 2019!**

LET'S TALK - Free Conversation Classes

Our small conversation group, **LET'S TALK**, serves adult students who speak English as a second language. We will talk about American customs as well as vocabulary and dialogs for various topics such as community, emergency, parenting, education, work, holidays, etc. Participation is free but registration is required.

MONDAY CLASS
11:00am – 12:30pm

**East Greenwich
Free Library
Silverman Room**
80 Pierce St.
East Greenwich



TUESDAY CLASS
10:00am – 11:30am

**Coventry
Public Library
Annex Room**
1675 Flat River Rd.
Coventry



PROGRAM/EVENT REVIEWS

In-Service October 28



Grammar Monday! How does this sound? Annex room was crowded with 25 tutors and students who were excited about learning grammar Monday evening on October 28th.

“I wish she was my teacher”, said one of the tutors. Amy Correia, an experienced TESOL/Bilingual and Dual Language Educator, presented ‘*Grammar Struggles and Solutions*’. Her engaging workshop was full of practical information and useful materials she developed over years of her teaching experiences.

Any suggestions for our future in-service workshops are always welcome!

Trunk or Treat

October 25



To provide a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience for the children in our community, LVKC participated in Trunk-or-Treat at the Park and Recreation Center in Coventry on Friday, October 25th. We dressed up and decorated with a ‘Cat in the Hat’ theme and met with over 800 excited children.

Book & Bake Sale

November 1 & 2



25 volunteers logged over 280 hours all together at our annual Book & Bake Sale! Hosted by LVKC and the Coventry Library Foundation, the event is the best way to get books in excellent condition for only a dollar,

as well as to meet like-minded people who love books and baked goods. We also donated books to other non-profit organization to build libraries in Malaysia.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped out with sorting, prepping, selling and cleaning, and those who stopped by for the sale!

Bucket Raffle November 1 – December 1



Check out two local artists' website

[Sandy Cabral](#)

[Maryann Levendusky](#)



Congratulations to 12 lucky people who won the items! To those who purchased tickets for us, we want to thank you for supporting LVKC. With your generous support, LVKC can keep serving our community by helping people who want to improve their literacy skills.

Special thanks to our Board Members, Southwest Airlines and local artists Joan Giusti, Maryann Levendusky and Sandy Cabral who donated their beautiful handmade items.

Holiday Cultural Festival December 5



Thank you for everyone who made our Holiday Cultural Festival so special! It was a wonderful evening with over 60 people sharing and learning from each other. Presentations of Korea, China, Mexico, Pakistan, Costa Rica, Argentina, Austria, LVKC's history, new tutoring material and the Aphasia Support Group added so much color to our event.

Congratulations to Pam for winning a \$100 Visa card donated by Mirta Pedrazzoli.



[Click to see more pictures](#)

[Click to watch a video](#)

NEW BOOKS ON THE SHELF



GED Prep

Basic Math

Phonics & Spelling

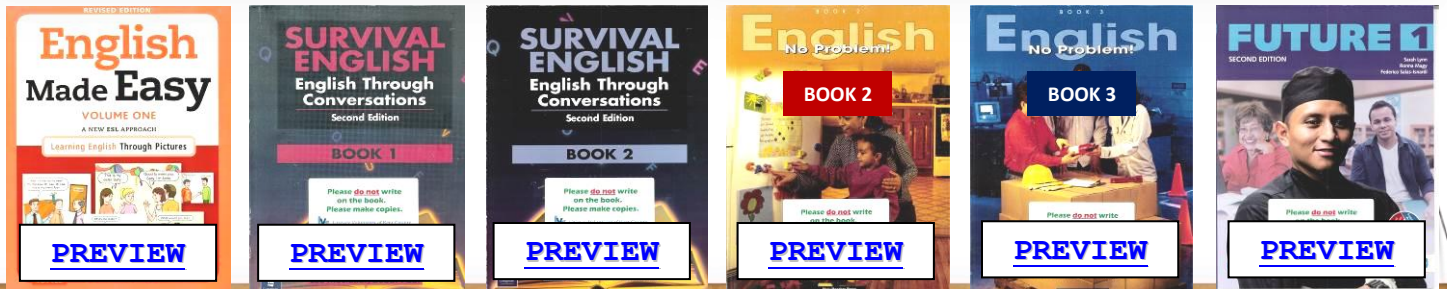


Reading & Comprehension (Beginner)

How to
Preview
New
Books
on the
Shelf?

All the books have a hyperlink to the online preview or the book review. Place your mouse pointer on the [PREVIEW](#) button and click!

To access the online pages, your device has to be connected to the internet.

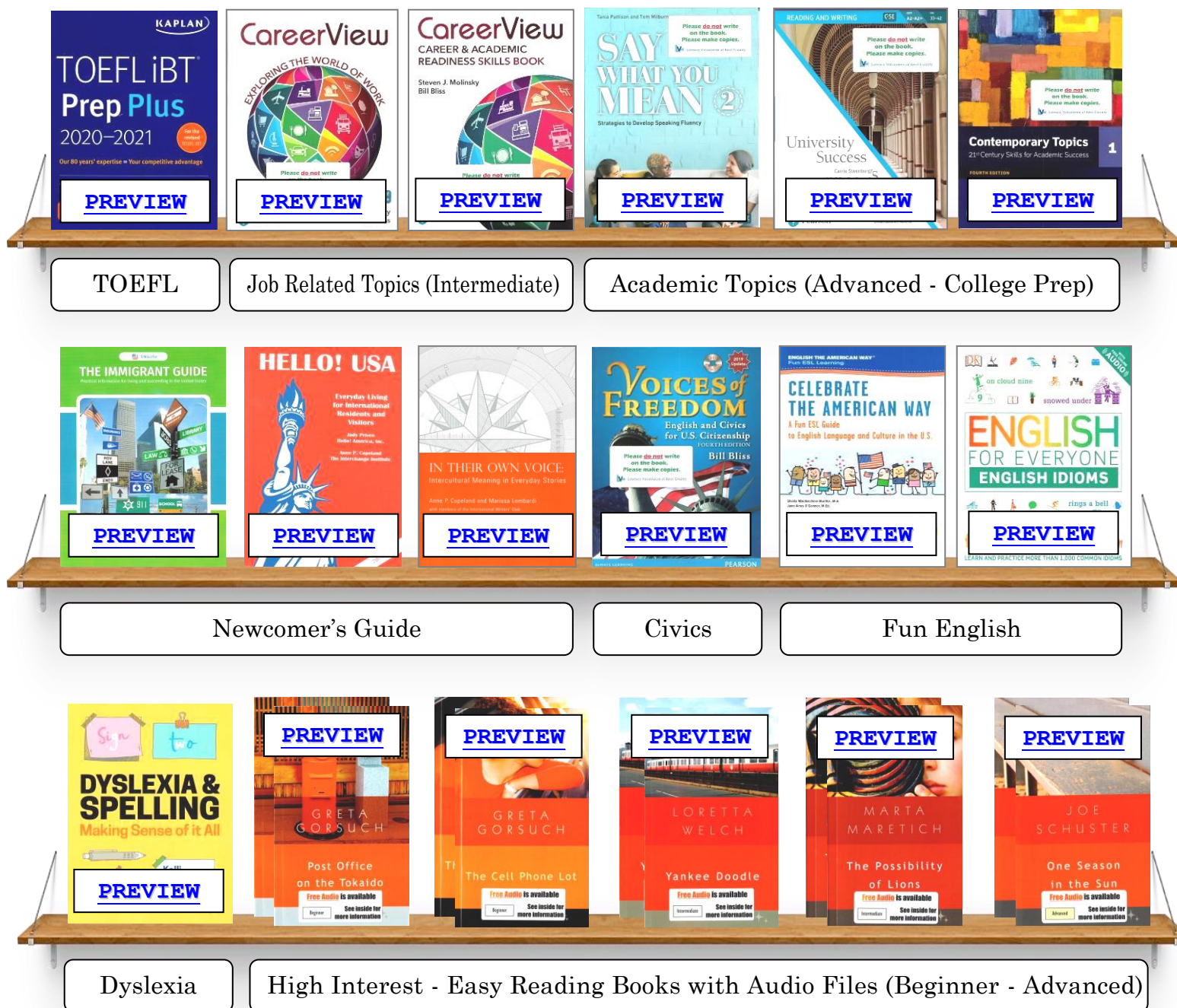


Life Skills Related Topics (Beginner - High Beginners)



Pronunciation

Life Skills Related Topics (Intermediate - Advanced)



Pleasure Reading & Audiobook Tips

High Interest - Easy Reading books give enjoyment and fulfillment to the readers. Short sentences, frequent chapter breaks, wide spacing and vocabulary-building text help build a sense of mastery and self-esteem in under 10,000 words. To learn about great benefits of audiobooks, watch [5 Ways Audiobook Improve Literacy Skills](#) on YouTube.



To learn about more books added in our literacy collection last year ➤ [CLICK HERE](#)

TUTOR SUPPORT



From grammar and literacy to dialogues, discussions, and debates, ESL Library's student-focused content makes it easy to find materials relevant to your student's language needs. The website provides 1,000+ lessons, 3,000+ flashcards, 200+ resources and digital activities in various topics from beginner to advanced levels.

ESL Library requires subscription to access their resources. To gain log-in information, please contact Youmi.

STUDENT SUPPORT



Click [HERE](#) to Access
GED/Adult Basic Education (ABE) Skills Preparation Classes

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Helping people. Changing lives.

Adult Education Academy
401-468-4064
2480 Post Road, 3rd Floor
Warwick, RI 02886

Click [HERE](#) to Access West Warwick Library ESL Program

- ESL classes for Beginner & Intermediate Students
 - Mondays & Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:00 pm
 - Mondays & Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- ESL Book Group for Advanced Students
 - Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30 am
- Conversation Class for Intermediate - Advanced Students
 - Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Conversation Class for Beginner - Intermediate Students
 - Fridays 9:30 - 11:00 am
- Prepare to Become a U.S. Citizen
 - Wednesday evenings by appointment only



**An educational program of
Providence Public Library**

Click [HERE](#) to Access an Educational
Program of Providence Public Library

Classes for ESL, Transition to College and
Careers and Citizenship are provided at
Providence, Pawtucket and Cranston areas

Preparing Adults for the Workplace

Enjoy these amazing online workforce courses! They are designed to help students of all backgrounds gain the critical skills needed to get a job and adjust to a new work environment.

Presented courses are: Preparing Adult for the Workplace, Communication at Work, Acing the Interview, Tailoring Your Resume and Setting Career Goals.

A free ProLiteracy Education Network account is required to access the courses.

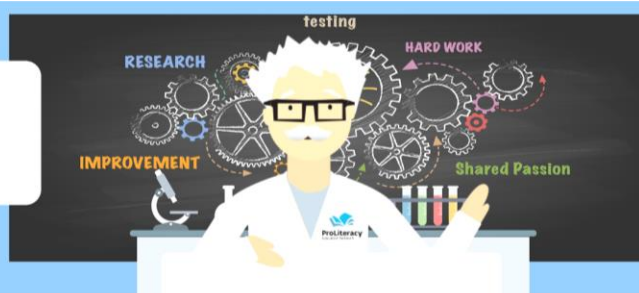
Step-by-step login instructions are available [HERE](#).

If you have any questions or need help to navigate the website, contact

Youmi at 401-822-9103 or email lvkc@coventrylibrary.org



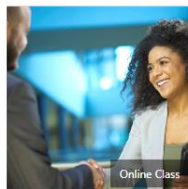
ProLiteracy Education Network: The Perfect Formula!



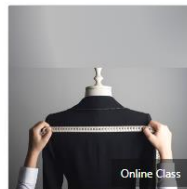
Online Class
Preparing Adults for the
Workplace



Online Class
Communicating At Work



Online Class
Acing the Interview



Online Class
Tailoring Your Resume



Online Class
Setting Career Goals

"They are among the most helpful courses for those who are interested in working in America and who want to successfully adapt to the working community."

-Youmi Kim
Program Director

Transportation Concern?

Flex Service brings a public transportation option to areas that have little or no fixed-route service. The name Flex is short for flexible service because it offers passengers the option of picking up the Flex van at a scheduled stop or choosing their own pick-up or drop-off point within the designated Flex Zone. Flex provides local service within its zone as well as connections to RIPTA's network of statewide service.

To use Flex Service, passengers make a reservation 48 hours in advance by calling the toll-free FlexLine at 1-877-906-3539 or 401-784-9500 ext. 220 between 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Flex Service is offered in Kingston, Narragansett, Pascoag/Slatersville, South Aquidneck, Westerly, West Warwick/Coventry and Woonsocket.

Click [HERE](#) to see all the available routes



West Warwick/ Coventry Flex

FLEX ZONE COVERAGE

BY REQUEST serving these and other locations in Warwick, West Warwick and Coventry

- Lofts at Anthony Mill
- Riverview Healthcare Community
- West Warwick Country Club
- Riverpoint Park
- Kent County Superior Court
- Cowesett Corners Shopping Center
- Summit Square
- Community College of Rhode Island
- Rhode Island Mall
- Warwick Mall
- Kent Hospital

CONGRATULATIONS

Youmi Kim joined LVKC on the first day of June, 2017 as our program director. LVKC has been so much more than a work place for her. "It is a wonderful community where I feel I belong and get to meet amazing people."

Youmi was awarded the 2019 Adult Practitioner of the Year by Rhode Island Teachers of ELL (RITELL) in November, and her interview was recently published in the Warwick Beacon. Click [HERE](#) to read the article.



SPECIAL THANK YOU



Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) awarded \$2,000 to LVKC to support the work of our organization. DGLF recognizes the impact LVKC has in our community and hopes the funds will strengthen our program.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all who donated to the 2019 Fall Appeal, Bucket Raffle, Trunk or Treat, Holiday Cultural Festival, Giving Tuesday, Community Grant Program and Conference Scholarship.

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| Ann Beverly | Katherine Patenaude | Robert Haiken |
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If additional information about any of the upcoming LVKC events listed in the edition of our newsletter is needed, or if you have any ideas about future activities for LVKC pertaining to their fundraising efforts or tutor/student support, please email LVKC's Program Director Youmi Kim(lvkc@coventrylibrary.org).

All suggestions contributed are a valuable component of LVKC's continuing goal to become an integral part of the Kent County, Rhode Island community.

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