

# Literacy Volunteers of Kent County Newsletter

## PAULA'S TUTORING EXPERIENCE

Written by Jessica Haughton & Paula Fish

We asked our LVKC tutor, Paula Fish (right) about her experiences tutoring over the years since her introduction to the program in 2016. She shared her tutoring tips and her transition [*tran-zish-uhn*] to virtual tutoring.

"My experience with LVKC has been rewarding. I have had several students, but one student I have had for several years. And with that we have become friends, even though there are thirty years between us! I have learned so much about her culture, and that has been fun and interesting.

My best advice is to assess your student in the beginning and then formulate [*fawr-myuh-leyt*] a plan. I have used many resources at the library, and I have purchased learning books from book stores and online. For beginner students, I really emphasized 'syllable learning' for better pronunciation. For more advanced students that need more practice with Conversation, I planned projects for the student to present to me. An example being 'Around the World' presentations on culture, dance, food, and clothing. Then we would have a discussion on these topics.

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We shared recipes from other countries and we both tried the recipes in our homes. My Japanese student shared her steamed chicken recipe, and I shared a recipe for Buttermilk Biscuits, which has become a staple in her home!

We played games like 'guess the word' where I gave clues and the student guessed the word. We did high school SAT words: definitions and putting in sentences.

Virtual learning was an easy transition. I used FaceTime if the student had an iPhone, or I used Zoom if they had an android phone. If I had a new student, I first had an 'in-person' get together, so we could connect on a more personal level, then we did Zoom after that. It worked out very well as virtual lessons were much more relaxing from home for both student and teacher. Try it! I think you will really enjoy it!

It has truly been a most rewarding experience to be able to work with so many people, learn about their lives, and share my life experiences with them. Tutors will feel fulfilled, while giving a unique individualized experience to your student! A win/win for all!" - Paula Fish



## THANK YOU, RITA

Our LVKC friend, Rita Piette passed away on February 20, 2022. Rita was a strong believer in teaching literacy, and belonged to the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County. Rita enjoyed reading books, especially crime novels. We thank Len Piette (Rita's husband), and the Piette family for their consideration to donate to our organization in lieu of flowers. All contributions go towards extending literacy to those who need it, and continuing Rita's advocacy for literacy.

## OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

We are seeking volunteers who wish to do more to help the organization! We are in need of individuals who are willing to fill any of the following positions:

- Social Media Coordinator
- Activities Coordinator
- Grant Writer
- Secretary
- Treasurer

If you may be interested in any of these positions, please contact us at [lvkc@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:lvkc@coventrylibrary.org) or call us at 401-822-9103.



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# Tutor Announcements



## SPRING 2022 TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Last chance to sign up for our tutor training workshop before it begins on March 14, 2022 at 5:30 PM! Invite your friends or family to join in spreading literacy to members of the community!

Visit our website to fill out a tutor application!

## TUTOR'S SOCIAL

Connect with new and existing tutors in LVKC's Literacy Program! Share your progress, tips and experiences with your students. Meet new people and see familiar faces in our tutor social! Sign up on our website to sign up to join!



## LEARNING RESOURCES

Check out our learning resources on our website for you and your students. If your student needs to build their conversation skills, consider having them join Marjory in a Let's Talk Conversation Group! If your student wants to read more, consider the LVKC Book Club! Check out our resources and sign up for programs for Students and Tutors!

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# Student Announcements

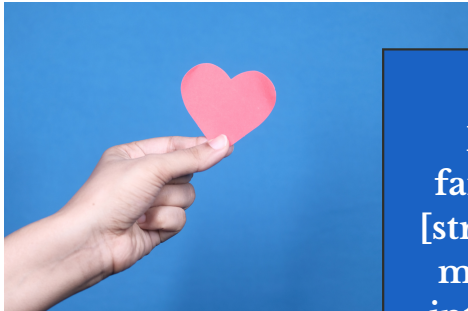


## LET'S TALK CONVERSATION GROUP

Looking to learn American customs, sayings, and phrases? Consider joining the free conversation group with Marjory and other LVKC students on Zoom! The group meets Monday Nights at 7:15 PM and Tuesday Mornings at 10:00 AM.

## LVKC BOOK CLUB

Reading and comprehension [kom-pri-hen-shuhn] go hand-in-hand. With the LVKC Book Club you can read a book at your own reading level, a book of your choosing or a recommended book! You can read on your own or with your tutor's help! Sign up on our website to join the club!



## SEEKING STUDENTS

If you can read this, help someone who cannot. A family member, relative, or friend may be struggling [struhg-uhl-ing] with their English language skills, and may want help. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our program for free one-to-one English tutoring, have them contact us or visit our website!

## Featured Vocabulary

**Transition** - movement, passage, or change from one position, state, stage, subject, concept, etc., to another; change

**Formulate** - to devise or develop, as a method, system, etc.

**Comprehension** - the act or action of understanding

**Struggling** - to proceed with difficulty or with great effort

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# Support for LVKC



Support LVKC when shopping with Amazon through AmazonSmile! Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) before you go shopping, and 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases will be donated by Amazon to support LVKC!

You can also shop through AmazonSmile in the app by going to your **Settings**.

Be sure to change your preferred charity to **Literacy Volunteers of Rhode Island!**

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