

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF KENT COUNTY

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National External Diploma Program (NEDP)

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In our Spring 2022 Tutor Training Workshop, we discussed that some of the goals of our LVKC Students is to attain a high school diploma through the General Educational Development (GED) tests. Our Instructor, Jean Marrapodi, introduced the class to another program to attain a high school equivalent diploma called the National External Diploma Program (NEDP). This is a program that I thought was important to share with our LVKC family.

The NEDP is a nationally recognized program designed for adults who would prefer to have their practical skills evaluated through the process of activities, rather than through traditional standardized test taking. It is a web-based program offering flexibility to earn a diploma whether you are employed full-time, enrolled in job training, or have other commitments. (Continue reading on next page.)

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The NEDP is a performance assessment system that assesses the high school level skill of adults at least 21 years of age and older. It evaluates the reading, writing, math and workforce readiness skills of participants in life and work contexts. It encompasses eight content areas: Cultural Literacy, Health Literacy, Civic Literacy, Consumer Awareness, Financial Literacy, 21st Century Workplace, Geography and History, and Science.



All NEDP candidates must demonstrate an entry-level job skill or an interest in post-secondary education. After completing these requirements, the participant will be awarded a high school diploma from a Rhode Island School department in Woonsocket, Central Falls, Cranston, or Newport depending on which adult education program the person is enrolled in, and where one resides.

If you believe you or someone you know may benefit from this program visit riral.org/nedp for more information on the National External Diploma Program.



LVKC Resources at the Coventry Library

You may be familiar with the Literacy Section at the Coventry Public Library where LVKC tutors and students may find materials to aid in lessons, but we also have laptops! If you looking to improve computer skills, or need to access learning material online during your lessons, LVKC has two Chromebook laptops for you to checkout for your tutoring session. If you'd like to use the Chromebooks to aid your lessons, stop by the LVKC office to borrow one!

NEWSLETTER IDEAS?

Have an idea for an article to feature in our Newsletter? Let us know, and you or your student could be featured! We welcome any ideas you have to share in our Newsletter, or

any ideas you have to better our literacy program. Let's learn together! Email us at lvkc@coventrylibrary.org OR submit an idea on the [Newsletter section of our website!](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tutor-Student Appreciation Day & Tutor In-Service

This year we are combining our Tutor In-Service with a Tutor-Student Appreciation Day! All LVKC Tutors and Students are welcome to attend this event on Tuesday, **May 24, 2022** from **5:00PM - 7:00 PM** with refreshments provided. This is a chance to gather with the LVKC family, while also presenting a learning opportunity for both Tutors and Students with a representative from Dorcas International! As a reminder, all tutors are encouraged to attend one tutor in-service per year.



2022 Gaspee Days Parade

Literacy Volunteers of Kent County (LVKC) is the only non-profit literacy organization in Kent County providing one-on-one tutoring with trained volunteer tutors, and ELL conversation classes. Kent County has the second largest population in Rhode Island, but many people still don't know about us!

Participating in a historical parade will be a wonderful chance to reach out to potential tutors and students to help more people in the community that are in need! Participants will meet to decorate a truck in patriotic fashion with other LVKC students and tutors. Participants will be able to walk in the parade and show off their efforts in the Gaspee Days Parade scheduled on **June 11, 2022**. Please consider being a part of the parade to continue our efforts in promoting Literacy. You can invite your family and friends too! Please attend our information session on Wednesday, **May 18, 2022** at **5:30PM** in the LVKC Room at the Coventry Town Hall Annex - LVKC Room (1675 Flat River Rd).

If you're willing to help LVKC reach out to our community, please let us know as soon as possible! Contact us at lvkc@coventrylibrary.org, call 401-822-9103, or [Sign Up](#) on our website!

SUPPORT LVKC

Spring Appeal

Please watch your mail for a letter from us regarding our annual spring fundraising campaign in the coming months. If you believe what we are doing is important, please consider a contribution to the Literacy Volunteers of Kent County. If you work for a company that offers a charitable gift matching program, please consider participating in that program. As always, we thank you for supporting our efforts to change lives through literacy - one person at a time.



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