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TUTOR'S SOCIAL

Our next Tutor's Social will be on Monday, March 6, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Share your tips, and express your struggles with other tutors who may have ideas to help you with your student. Sign up on our website is encouraged. Refreshments will be provided.

VOCABULARY

lack - absence of something needed, desirable, or customary

abolitionist - someone who wanted to end the practice of enslaving people

enslavement - the act of taking or holding someone as a slave

Resource for Black History Month:
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/black-history-month>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every February, people in the United States celebrate the achievements and history of African Americans as part of Black History Month.

It started in 1915 in response to the *lack* of information on the accomplishments of Black people available to the public. Historian Carter G. Woodson co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In 1926, the group declared the second week of February as "Negro History Week" to recognize the contributions of African Americans to U.S. History.

This week was chosen because it includes the birthdays of both Frederick Douglas, an *abolitionist*, and former U.S. President Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln led the United States during the Civil War, which was primarily fought over the *enslavement* of Black people in the country.

This week-long event officially became Black History Month in 1976 when U.S. president Gerald Ford extended the recognition to "honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. Today Black History Month continues the discussion of Black people and their contributions through activities such as museum exhibits and film screenings, and by encouraging the study of achievements by African Americans year-round. We encourage you learn more, and celebrate this month!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONVERSATION CLASS

Let's Talk Conversation Class is a small-group ELL (ESL) program designed to primarily serve those ELL students, 18 or older, who are currently participating in one-on-one tutoring, or those awaiting a tutor. This conversational, task-oriented program helps students maximize their English speaking skills and is free to participants.

Let's Talk English Conversation Group is a great way to:

- Learn about American Culture
- Practice English Speaking Skills
- Make Friends
- Ask Questions

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

Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM
Coventry Town Hall Annex (1675 Flat River Rd, Coventry, RI 02816)

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

Sign up on our website at: coventrylibrary.org/lets-talk



TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Our Spring 2023 Tutor Training Workshop is scheduled for Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 2023 from 6 - 8:30 PM in the Literacy Room at the Coventry Town Hall Annex (1675 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI).

This workshop will cover the principles of adult learning, goal setting and case study, language learning activities, teaching techniques and lesson planning, as well as awareness for cultural differences. If you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a volunteer tutor give them a heads up to apply as a tutor in our program.

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