



# LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF KENT COUNTY

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## TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Our Spring 2023 Tutor Training Workshop is scheduled for Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18 & May 23 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 or someone you know may be interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, please fill out the tutor application. Scan the QR code below.



## BUILDING BETTER SUMMARIES

This month's featured article is from Thoughtful Learner: Building Better Summaries.

"Summarizing is a foundational writing skill that also improves reading comprehension. Students need to summarize well to develop more advanced writing, from research papers to literary analyses to meeting minutes.

Even so, summary skills do not come easily. How many times have you received a summary that misses the point, offers too many (or too few) details, or begins with 'It was all about how...'?"

The featured article suggests activities to teach students the finer points of summary writing, which covers:

- Preparing students to summarize.
  - "Strong summaries grow from careful reading."
- Teaching one-sentence summaries.
  - "Challenge students to boil down the main point of reading into a single, well-developed sentence."
- Teaching one-paragraph summaries.
  - "Start by teaching topic sentences that signal the title and author and state the main idea"
- Helping students improve their summaries.
  - "Students can use a simple checklist to review and revise their work."

Check out the full article on the Learning Resources page under Newsletter featured articles: [coventrylibrary.org/learning-resources](https://coventrylibrary.org/learning-resources)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NEW LEARNING RESOURCES

Aside from our featured article this month, the following learning resources, have been added to our Learning Resources page:

- **Mango Languages** - An online language-learning system focused on improving conversational skills.
- **Gale Presents: Udemy** - An online learning platform for adults who want to improve work-related skills or further develop personal interests.
- **Ask RI - EBSCO Learning Express** - an online resource for practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and other information to enhance school, work or life proficiencies.

Be sure to visit our learning resources webpage for additional information, and links to these online resources.

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## 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)

Virtual Online - 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](https://coventrylibrary.org/lets-talk)

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