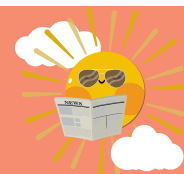




# LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF KENT COUNTY

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## RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

*Step Forward* (Intro - Level 5) is a standards-based language learning program that provides the essential language, skills and rigorous content adult ELLs need to meet their work and academic goals.

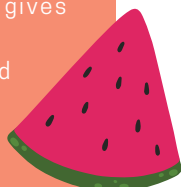
Content is anchored to College and Career readiness standards.

*At Work* and *Academic* focus develops critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.

Free access to the Oxford English Vocabulary Trainer app with Levels Intro - 4 gives students personalized feedback while they build their vocabulary skills.

Teacher resources are available, as well as free online placement tests, audio, and product correlations!

Pick up the series at the Coventry Library or reserve through Ocean State Libraries!



## FROM DIBRY, LVKC STUDENT

"I always think that poetry is an art. It can pass all your feelings with just one verse and you can show your emotions through it. This is how I feel when I read a poem specially if it is about my country or related to immigrants." - Dibry Ramos

Read on to see one of Dibry's favorite poems called *Como Tú / Like You / Like Me* by Richard Blanco.

We thank Dibry and her tutor Linda for their submission! We encourage anyone to share a favorite poem or work of art to the LVKC Newsletter!

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Congratulations to Andy on improving employability skills, and improving a score on a standardized test!
- Congratulations to Hyun on increasing involvement in community activities and increasing involvement in children's educational activities!
- Earlier this year we celebrated Elena's new job. Now we congratulate Elena on increased involvement in children's educational activities, as well as attaining wellness and a healthy lifestyle!
- Congratulations to Ana on passing her United States citizenship test!



LVKC would like to thank our tutors Marga, Deb, Beth, and Scott for filling out the annual report survey, so that we may celebrate our LVKC Family! We thank everyone that is involved in our program for their continued support!

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# COMO TÚ / LIKE YOU / LIKE ME

Como Tú / Like You / Like Me  
Richard Blanco

*{for the D.A.C.A DREAMers and all our nation's immigrants}*  
... my veins don't end in me  
but in the unanimous blood  
of those who struggle for life ...  
... mis venas no terminan en mí  
sino en la sangre unánime  
de los que luchan por la vida ...  
—Roque Dalton, Como tú

*Como tú*, I question history's blur in my eyes each time I face a mirror. Like a mirror, I gaze into my palm a wrinkled map I still can't read, my lifeline an unnamed road I can't find, can't trace back to the fork in my parents' trek that cradled me here. *Como tú*, I woke up to this dream of a country I didn't choose, that didn't choose me—trapped in the nightmare of its hateful glares. *Como tú*, I'm also from the lakes and farms, waterfalls and prairies of another country I can't fully claim either. *Como tú*, I am either a mirage living among these faces and streets that raised me here, or I'm nothing, a memory forgotten by all I was taken from and can't return to again.

Like memory, at times I wish I could erase the music of my name in Spanish, at times I cherish it, and despise my other syllables clashing in English. *Como tú*, I want to speak of myself in two languages at once. Despite my tongues, no word defines me. Like words, I read my footprints like my past, erased by waves of circumstance, my future uncertain as wind. Like the wind, *como tú*, I carry songs, howls, whispers, thunder's growl. Like thunder, I'm a foreign-borne cloud that's drifted here, I'm lightning, and the balm of rain. *Como tú*, our blood rains for the dirty thirst of this land. Like thirst, like hunger, we ache with the need to save ourselves, and our country from itself.



## CONVERSATION CLASS

Let's Talk Conversation Class is continuing to meet:

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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