



LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF KENT COUNTY

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RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

*Steck-Vaughn's 2nd Edition
GED Preparation Series
(New Editions)*

This GED series is fully aligned to the academic content, assessment targets, and skills assessed on the GED Test. This series provides learners with a balanced mix of instruction and practice to successfully pass the GED Test while also building valuable critical thinking skills for college, career and workplace. An Instructor Edition is available for this series. The following topics have a student book and workbook.

- Reasoning Through Language Arts
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Social Studies
- Science

Pick up a copy of a Steck-Vaughn GED book at the Coventry Public Library or reserve a copy through your local Ocean State Library!

NEW LEARNING RESOURCE – NEWSELA

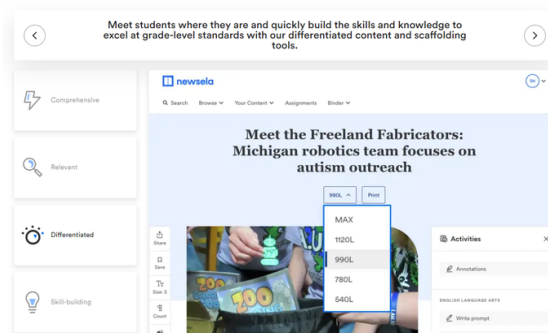
LVKC is launching a new online tutoring platform called Newsela! Newsela takes articles, videos, and other content and makes it accessible and engaging for students. Texts are available at five reading levels from grade 2 to grade 12, with some texts available in English and Spanish.

With over 15,000 instruction content articles in 20+ genres, the new platform will transform the way tutors and students interact and receive information. Students are able to read articles at various levels, listen to articles, and write notes to their tutor. Tutors are able to assign students high interest content with suggested lessons, vocabulary and student participation including quizzes, writing prompts, and notes. Tutors are able to track their student's progress, and Newsela will help to suggest articles to your student based on their reading level. Accessibility options include increasing font, listening to articles, ability to increase or decrease reading levels, and mobile access.

Newsela is a convenient way to find content of interest for students, and make it easier on the tutor to form a lesson plan using suggested lessons and vocabulary for tutors.

Tutors, please monitor your email in the near future for instructions on how to sign up, how to help your student sign up, and how to get started with Newsela. We will also plan Tutor In-Services for you to ask questions and take advantage of this awesome new learning resource!

Instructional resources that connect and deliver



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING IN 2024

Looking towards 2024, LVKC has big plans!

Newsela: We are launching our newest learning resource, Newsela to make it easier on tutors to find interesting content, lessons, and track your student's progress, while also allowing the student to control their lesson and give their input. We look forward to hosting Tutor In-Services for tutors to learn more about this convenient new resource.

East Greenwich Literacy Collection: We are also looking forward to adding a Literacy Collection at the East Greenwich Free Library! With our conversation class on Tuesdays, and many of our LVKC family having lessons in East Greenwich, we thought there would be a great opportunity to add a Literacy Collection at the East Greenwich location.

Assessor Training: English Language Learning assessments are getting an update! Assessor training for the new BEST Plus and BEST Literacy testing are coming. Assessors play an important role for students to be able to start learning with a tutor. They help the student to feel comfortable with beginning their journey to learning the English language. If you are interested in becoming an assessor, please contact us at lvkc@coventrylibrary.org, so we may notify you of training opportunities.



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
coventrylibrary.org/lvkc



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