



## Tutor Communication

August 21, 2014

Greetings from The Literacy Connection! We hope you're having a great week. Here's the latest news and events.



**Summer Hours: Office closed Fridays, August 22 - Sept 5**

### Important Dates Coming Up!

#### Citizenship Conversation Group

The Literacy Connection will be starting a *new* Citizenship Conversation Group for ESL Learners to practice for the citizenship test. We are looking for tutors to help with this drop-in group that will be held twice a month.

The dates are:

September 4th and 18th in Community Room C

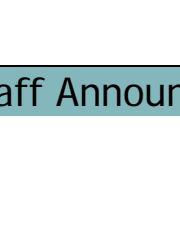
October 2nd and 16th in the Conference Room

November 6th and 20th in the Conference Room

December 4th and 18th in Community Room C

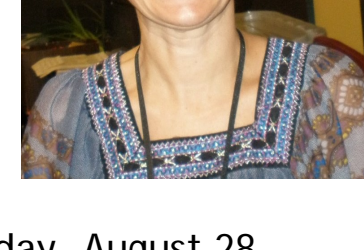
**Training on August 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., Literacy Connection Office.**

Contact [Yadira](#) if interested.



**FREE Adult Education Conference at Elgin Community College on Saturday, September 6, 8am-noon.**  
Call The Literacy Connection to RSVP. 847-742-6565  
See [brochure](#) for details.

### Staff Announcement



We are sad to announce that Tine Kelly, Program Coordinator, will be leaving The Literacy Connection. Her last day will be Thursday, August 28.

Please direct questions to [Yadira](#) or [Karen](#) until a new coordinator is in place.

### Calling all Volunteers! We need your help!



The Literacy Connection will be sharing information on becoming an adult literacy tutor and other volunteer opportunities during this season's Harvest Market in downtown Elgin. The Market is held at 200 N. Grove Avenue, in the parking lot directly across from the Gail Borden Public Library.

Watch for us on Thursday, September 25. Please note the market has several new offerings and the hours of the market are from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visit [www.elginharvestmarket.com](http://www.elginharvestmarket.com)

We are looking for a few volunteers to staff our table this season. Consider helping **WITH** your learner. What a great way for them to practice English with the public with you beside them for support.

Please email [Carolyn](#) or call 847-742-6565 if you can assist. Thank you.

### Next Tutor Training Coming Up!

#### Share Your Love for Tutoring

Tell a friend, family member, neighbor or work colleague about becoming a tutor.  
We need more good volunteers like you!

Please print, post or share our tutor training schedule anywhere you can - At work, your church, book club, exercise class, Panera Bread, Starbucks, etc.

Tutor Training Schedule  
[flyer](#)

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**Adults Remain On Our Wait List**

### Tine's Tip

#### Pronunciation Does Matter!

When working with ESL students and Basic Reading students in reading - pronunciation matters. Many times a student will be familiar with a word; know the meaning, but mispronunciation will lead to confusion and misunderstanding. As part of a pronunciation activity, ask students to read aloud; allow them time to correct mistakes in pronunciation so that the reading passage makes sense. If the student is unable to decode the word, give them assistance. This practice helps them hear themselves think and allows them to make adjustments to their pronunciation in order to facilitate understanding.

There are numerous games and activities to practice pronunciation - Dave's ESL Café has many options. Click [here](#).

### Quick Links

Are you using "News for You"?

We encourage you check out this website! The site [NewsforYouOnline.com](http://NewsforYouOnline.com) offers easy-to-read news stories that can help your learner read, write and understand English. There are new stories posted weekly, along with audio; exercises; vocabulary; and puzzles. Stories can be listened to in full or sentence-by-sentence. *Enter the password ED1A25 for access to the site.*

Check out [Tutor Curriculum Guide for Teaching Adult ESL Preliterate Learners](#).

Other helpful websites:

[www.rong-chang.com](http://www.rong-chang.com) - Links you to hundreds of free English learning sites and resources.

[www.englishclub.com](http://www.englishclub.com) - Free resources to help you teach English and for your student to learn English.

#### [Amazon Smile](#)

Eligible purchases at smile.amazon.com earn The Literacy Connection 0.5% of the purchase price.

[Visit our website](#)

Have a general question?  
[Email The Literacy Connection](#)

Have a question about your learner?  
[Contact Tine](#)

Tutor Training  
September 3rd, 4th, 8th & 11th  
6-9 pm

Gail Borden Public Library  
270 N. Grove Avenue  
Elgin, IL 60120

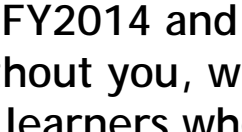
October 18th & 25th  
9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
Poplar Creek Library  
1405 S. Park Ave.  
Streamwood, IL 60107

November 15th & 22nd  
9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
Gail Borden Public Library  
270 N. Grove Avenue  
Elgin, IL 60120

Can you share our Tutor Training Schedule?  
[Email Carolyn](#)

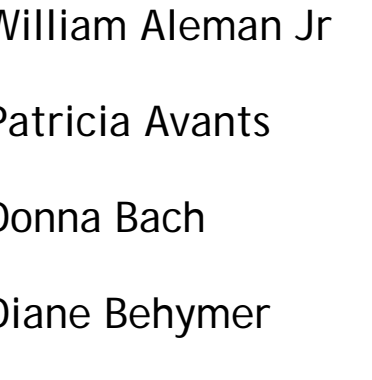
Share a helpful website or tutoring tip with other tutors!  
[Email Tutor Tools](#)

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### Thank You To Our New Tutors!



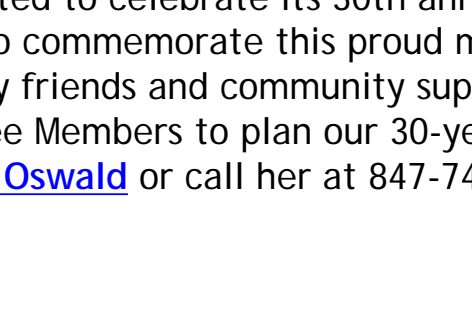
**A HUGE Thank You to those who completed training in FY2014 and have reported tutoring hours. Without you, we would not be able to help those learners who need us.**

William Aleman Jr	Sheila Madigan
Patricia Avants	Jessica Maheo
Donna Bach	Karen McGuire-Rugh
Diane Behymer	Robin Migalla
Parth Bhansali	Linda Molik
Marvin Bowers	Jeffrey Newbill
Timothy Clark	Dolly Radloff
Rick Clute	Eugenia Restrepo
Richard Dancy	Antoinette Rice-White
Michael Dover	Ann Richardson
Raymond Drufke	Juan Rodriguez
Julia Fenstermacher	Patricia Segel
Adam Frederico	Lavanya Seshadri
Lane Hiland	Jessica Smith
Marilyn Hiland	Mary Spiegel
Sue Hoff	Archana Tankha
Jim Hora	Forrest Tynan
Denise Hoske	Peg Tynan
Marlo Hyland	Ramani Vishwanath
Nancy King	Eileen Walsh
Theodore Kirpach	Kathleen Walsh
Josephine Klapperich	Sonja Zimmer

### Outside The Literacy Connection

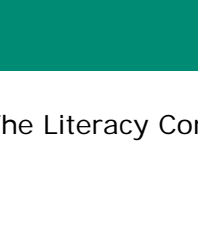
Elgin Community College is seeking host families for international students for the fall and spring semester. See the [brochure](#) for information (attached).

Literacy Connection is celebrating 30 Years!



The Literacy Connection is excited to commemorate its 30th anniversary in 2014. A celebration will take place later this year to commemorate this proud milestone. Help us make this event special for all our literacy friends and community supporters. We are looking for a Committee Chair and Committee Members to plan our 30-year celebration. If you're interested, please email [Karen Oswald](#) or call her at 847-742-6565.

Sincerely,



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