

# CONNECTED TEXT



A LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF CAMDEN  
COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## NEW PILOT PROGRAM

Digital literacy has become an important component of literacy programs across the country. In the past two years, this program has felt the impact of the digital divide as some students and tutors were forced to put their studies on hold while waiting access to in-person programming to resume.

Even those with smart devices (phones or tablets) have mentioned the struggle with conducting lessons over a small screen. To overcome some of these challenges, Literacy Volunteers is going to pilot a Technology Lending Program for the

students and tutors this spring. LVCC will have a limited number of Chromebooks and hotspots available for extended loan. These are to be used for tutoring to help facilitate lessons for those without computers at home or that struggle to make use of the small screen on their phones.

If there is greater demand from tutors and students the program will be expanded next fall.

If you or one of your students would be interested in participating in this pilot program please contact the literacy office to be put on the waitlist for a device. Once the policies are put in place and the devices come in, the office will contact you about picking up your requested device.



# RECOGNITION DAY GOES VIRTUAL

## ••• Introducing Tutoring Tourney •••

Every May LVCC has recognized the accomplishments of the students and tutors with a brunch and ceremony. Due to the pandemic the last Recognition Day was held in 2019. But the pandemic has only highlighted the dedication to the program and accomplishments of those involved.

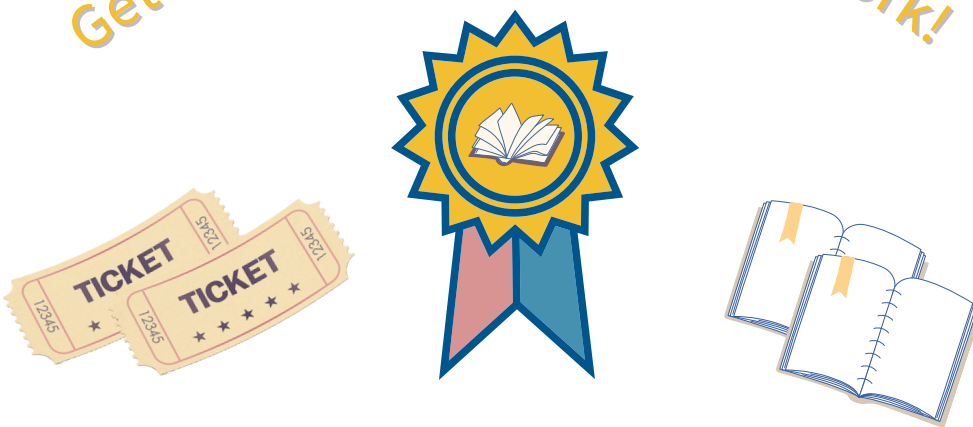
Since large in-person events will likely not happen this spring as well, LVCC has decided to turn Recognition Day into the a multi-month virtual event. Being rebranded as The Tutoring Tourney, the event will last from March 1st - May 31st.

The Tutoring Tourney is a contest that will provide rewards and raffle prizes for students based on accumulated hours, attendance, timely reporting by tutors and student progress. More news about prizes and raffles will be announced as we get closer to the start date of March 1, 2022. Everyone is welcome to sign up, just fill out your monthly log and we'll do the rest!

We are looking for additional committee members to add energy and ideas to this fun and rewarding contest.

If you are interested, please contact Sandy Hughes: [sandyfoodchemist@gmail.com](mailto:sandyfoodchemist@gmail.com)

*Get Rewarded for Your Hard Work!*



*Coming March 1, 2022*

### *Some More News*

#### **Library News**

The library will reopen to the public on February 14th. In-person tutoring at Camden County Library System branches will resume at that time.

For more library updates please visit the library's website at [camdencountylibrary.org](http://camdencountylibrary.org)



#### **Congratulations New Tutors!**

Three new tutors joined the LVCC family after completing the online tutor training that Charlotte produced. Many more are in the process of becoming tutors.

Congratulations to those three individuals and we can't wait for you to begin working with your new students!



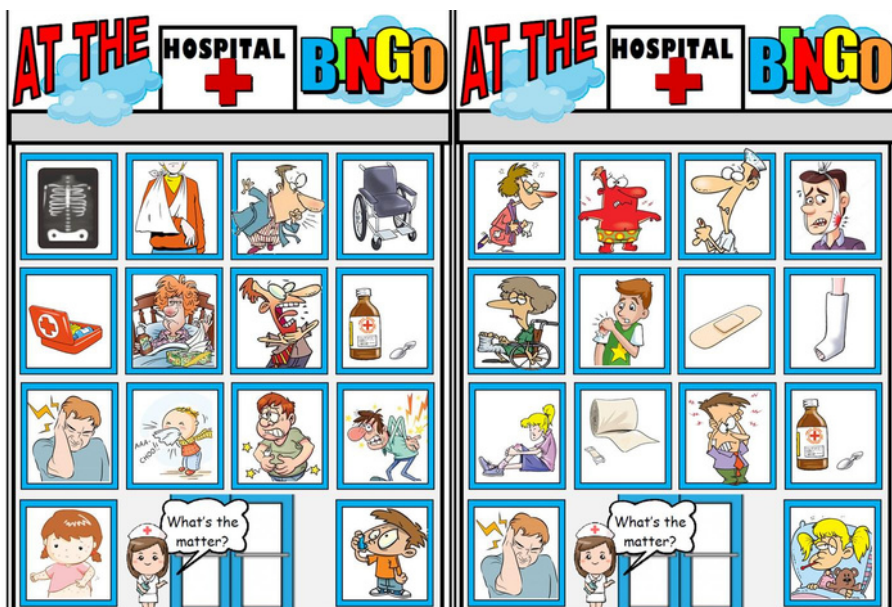
# TUTORING IDEA: VOCABULARY BINGO

When looking for creative ideas for lessons, sometimes the best place to look is at a peer program. Literacy Volunteers of New River Valley (LV-NRV) recently posted about the success that their tutors found with engaging students through Vocabulary Bingo. The students will learn the vocabulary in their lessons and then review it through a fun game.

## VOCABULARY BINGO

Tutors at LV-NRV use bingo to teach thematic vocabulary with a fun twist. They will choose a topic, such as a doctor's visit, driving, or shopping and make a list of words associated with these scenarios. Bingo cards are then created with the pictorial equivalent of the words.

Once the students have their cards, the tutor will say the vocabulary term out loud. Students will then match the pictures on their bingo card with the words being called out. First one to get Bingo wins!



example of Bingo cards

Thank you Literacy Volunteers RNV for sharing this great idea!

## Announcement



### Winter Office Hours

*Our office hours have been adjusted to accommodate staffing. Please see the schedule below to find out most up-to-date office hours.*

#### One-Stop

*Monday: 9am-12pm*

*Tuesday: 9am-12pm*

*Wednesday: 9am-12pm*

*Thursday 9am-12pm*

*Friday: closed*

*Phone: 856-549-0602*

#### Voorhees

*Monday: 12:30pm-5pm*

*Tuesday: 12:30pm-5pm*

*Wednesday: 12:30pm-5pm*

*Thursday: 12:30pm-5pm*

*Friday: 9am-4:45pm*

*Phone: 856-77-1636 x7330*

*We will be available by phone times and by email weekdays until 5pm. We will get back to you as soon as possible if you contact us in our off-hours. Any curbside deliveries can also be done during those times.*

*We apologize for the inconvenience and will update you by email when we expand the hours.*

*Thank you so much for your understanding.*



# FROM THE DESK OF...



## *New Winter Days*

Hello.

Most of you have meet me either in person or virtual in my capacity as ESL Coordinator with Literacy Volunteers so I will keep this short and sweet.

I am so honored to now be named the next director of the Literacy Program. I will be starting this position on February 22nd and I hope that I will be able to continue to growth and success of the program. Thank you so much for trusting me with this position and hope we all do great things in the year to come.

Thank you.

*~ Victoria Chisholm*

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