

# CONNECTED TEXT



A LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF CAMDEN  
COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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## JUST AROUND THE CORNER...



Every year LVCC holds a **Tutor Recognition Day** to honor the accomplishments of our students of Tutors (details on the date and time can be found in the Announcements section of the Newsletter).

In preparation for this day, the office staff asks that our tutors let us know of any accomplishments that your student has made that you believe should be awarded. These could be anything! Past recognized outcomes include obtaining citizenship, getting a driver's license, entering a poetry contest, and so much more. Students will be given a certificate and a small token of appreciation for their hard work.

In addition to the acknowledgment of the student's accomplishment, tutors are welcomed to encourage their students to speak at the event. They can show off some of the skills that they have acquired from their tutoring sessions!

All tutors, students, and their families are welcome to attend - just RSVP to the LVCC office.

Come join us as the Camden County Library Community honors both the students and the tutors in the LVCC program!

# STUDENT & TUTOR SHOUTOUTS

Students in both the Basic Literacy and the ESL program have making great strides in their studies. Tutors are always so proud of their students and here are some of the accomplishments that were shared with us:

In the ESL program, two students have received their driver licenses in the past quarter. Murad has been working with his tutor, Marla, since enrolling a few months ago. Debbie has been working with her student, Evelice, and was so excited to hear about this accomplishment. Congratulations to both students and their tutors!

Sultan got a job - her tutor, Susan, continues to work on the skills she needs to succeed in this. Congratulations!

In the Basic Literacy program, Charles would like to congratulate his student Mark on his new house.

In the tutor world, we want to list a special shout out to Sevena, Johanna, Lenore, George, and Julie. These five tutors have all accumulated over 100 hours of tutoring this year! Thank you so much for your dedication to this program.

Congratulations to all of those who have achieved their goals!

## **LVCC IS EXPANDING!** NEW CLASSES COMING SOON

LVCC is proud to announce new classes in both the ESL and BL programs!

On the Basic Literacy side of the program, LVCC has formed a new partnership with the P.R.O.M.I.S.E. organization in Camden to form a Reading group that is meeting at the Ferry Ave. Branch of the Camden County Library.

In addition to that class, this month a Citizenship Skills class was added to our line-up of conversation classes. This class is taught on Monday evenings from 6:30-8pm at the Cherry Hill Library. The class will cover the skills and materials needed to pass the citizenship class over the course of seven weeks starting on April 1st.

The ESL program was also contacted by the Head Start in Oaklyn at their location. The LVCC staff met with the organization and has begun the process of registering students at this location. The students there will have an all levels conversation class at is slated to begin in April.



### *Important Dates*

#### **Tutor Training**

*The Spring session will be five weeks from April 23rd through May 21st.*

*Meets Tuesdays from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at the Voorhees Library.*

#### **Tutor Recognition Day**

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

*10:20am-12:30pm*

*Room A, Voorhees Library*

*Tutors, students, and their families are invited to attend and celebrate all the accomplishments of the past year.*

*Light refreshments will be served.*



Finally, LVCC has met with the Pennsauken Library to assist in meeting the need of that community. The program is anticipated to begin in late summer/early fall, beginning with ESL conversation classes. In the future it is the hope to include basic literacy services as well if there is a need.

LVCC is excited about all of these new opportunities and the continued ability to help enrich the lives of the residents of Camden County.

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## TUTOR RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

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**READWORKS**

<https://www.readworks.org/>



**READTHEORY**

<https://readtheory.org/>

This month we are bringing you two websites. These two websites were recommended by multiple reading tutors in our program. They offer short reading passages and some questions to test some of the skills you may be tutoring your student in.

The content of these sites is accessible through a free account that tutors or their students can create. Check them out for additional information!

**Angel Falls**  
Grade 3, 610L  
The highest waterfall in the world is Angel Falls in Venezuela. Angel Falls is 979 meters (3,212 ft) tall. It is hard to get to Angel Falls because it is surrounded by a jungle. The jungle is crowded with trees and bushes. In some places, you have to squat, crawl, or turn your body sideways just to pass through. If you want to see Angel Falls in person, you need to fly there in an airplane or helicopter. The dense jungle makes it too hard to get there on foot.



**QUESTIONS**

As used in the passage, the word dense most nearly means

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A. dangerous  
B. prickly  
C. sparse  
D. growing  
E. thick

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above is an example of content found on [readtheory.org](https://readtheory.org/)

## Announcements



### **Literacy Now wants You!**

The Literacy Now board is the fundraising organization associated with LVCC.

They are looking for interested tutors or students to join their team. If you would like to be a member please contact

Sevena Sacks  
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### **Literacy for Life Conference**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**  
**TCNJ**

Come celebrate 40 years of Literacy education in New Jersey!

Registration is now open for the Literacy for Life conference hosted by LiteracyNJ. Sessions will cover tutoring strategies and presentations from students around the state. Charlotte will be presenting - representing LVCC!

Early registration is until March 29th, so take advantage of this price if you want to attend. You can register or preview session topics at:

<https://literacynj.org/literacy-life-conference-2019>



# FROM THE DESK OF...



## A look ahead...

As we approach the end of our fiscal year, it's good to look back, make goals for the coming year and feel energized for the work before us. The staff has been working hard on new projects to expand our program. Some highlights are:

- P.R.O.M.I.S.E Reading program at the Ferry Avenue Branch of the Library System
- Health literacy class at the Head Start in Oaklyn
- A new ESL Beginner's class and a reading group for basic literacy at the Vogelson Branch of the library system

We would like to thank the tutors---it wouldn't be possible without your help and support. Please stop by at the office to say hello. I would love to hear about the progress of your student.

~ Shyamoli De

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