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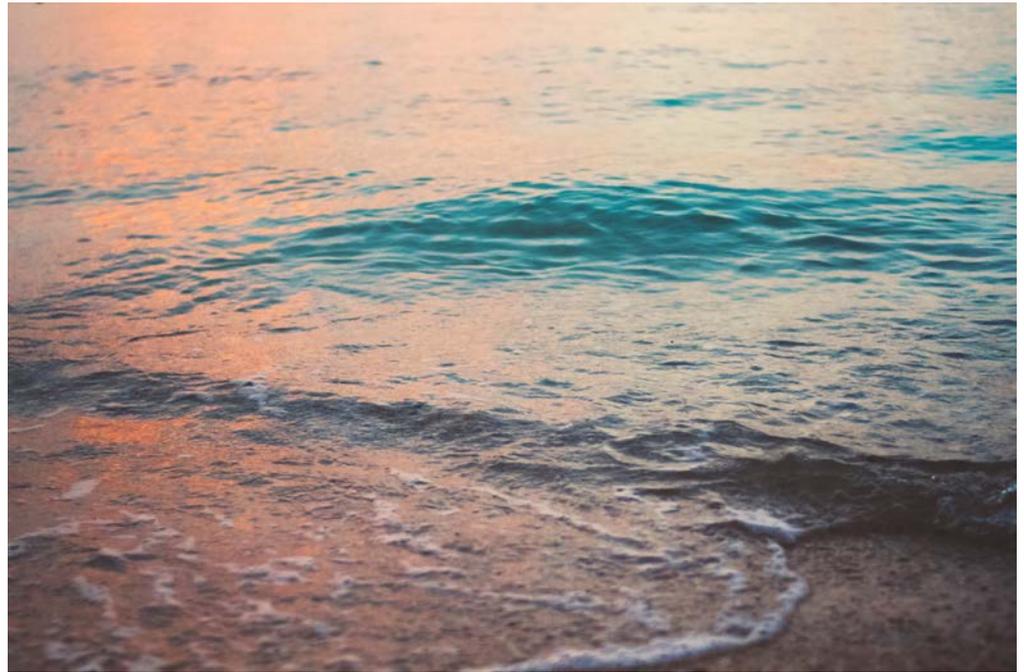
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SUMMERTIME IS HERE AGAIN

What are you doing this summer?

In the summer many students and tutors take time off to enjoy the warm weather with their families or take a relaxing vacation down at the shore. But whatever your summer plans are this season, it doesn't mean that you have to neglect the skill sets that you are acquiring throughout the year.

You can practice English through playing games (see our *Games Night* in Announcements), listening to a radio news program, and much more. Just reading an email, a text message, a newspaper, or a chapter of a book can also help to keep yours skills going. If you are studying math you can practice your skills in the kitchen through measurements and cooking. These are just a few ideas, but there is so much you can do!

What ideas do have to summer practice? Share your ideas with the office staff or on our Facebook page!

LVCC ACHIEVEMENTS!



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: Abdullah got a part-time job and he has been accepted into an undergraduate program. He hopes to start next semester. Suna, Sun, Lu, Eun, Grace, Sreeja, and Halianny all completed the ESL program! Some of these women plan to continue to learn through the Basic Literacy program while others are working new jobs. Danh received his citizenship - congratulations to him!

At the One-Stop, Esther passed the Math portion of her HiSet. Nekesha passed her entire HiSet and got a job! Carlton passed the math and social studies portions of his HiSet. Antoinette, Antony, Carlton, Gale, and Nekesha all attended the One Stop graduation ceremony on July. Nyasia passed her TABE and is applying to Culinary School. Thanks to all the tutors who helped them achieve their goals!



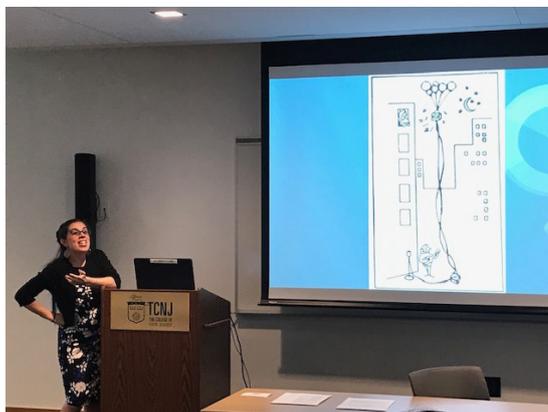
Graduation ceremony on the One Stop on July 3, 2019

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT ●●● A Year in Review ●●●

So much has happened this past yer at LVCC. From staff changes to new classes to fantastic student achievements. Here are some of the highlights from the last few months:

In April, BL Coordinator Charlotte Perez presented at the Literacy for Life Conference at TCNJ in April. Her presentation entitled, "Culture as an Asset in Assessing Student Proficiency" discussed ways to determine students' language levels through non-formal assessments. This topic is great for tutors who are working with English Language Learners to help them determine relevant content and develop appropriate goals for their students. It was an informative discussion and great way to represent LVCC on the state level!

Also, in April LVCC began a six week pilot program with the Head Start in Oaklyn to provide ESL help for the parents of their students. The pilot program focused on topics of health literacy. The class finished in May and its continuation in the Fall will be based on the interest of the those enrolled at the Head Start.



Charlotte presents a slide at Literacy for Life conference

Important Dates

Tutor Meet & Greet

Meet your fellow tutors and exchange ideas! We will discuss the new BL test, CASAS, and new classes for the Fall.

Wednesday, July 31st
2pm-3:30pm, Room C
Voorhees Library

Please RSVP to
literacy@camdencountylibrary.org

Monday Reading Group

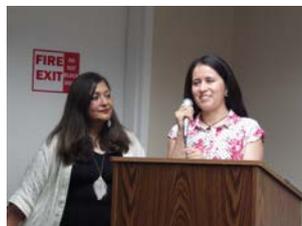
The Monday reading group from the One-Stop is moving to **Ferry Ave Branch**. Classes will begin there **July 8th** and meet every Monday from **10am-12pm**.

If interested in attending this reading group please contact Charlotte Perez



In May, LVCC did community outreach in Bellmawr. Staff members attended a parent's meeting at the elementary school to bring awareness of LVCC services in English, reading, and Math tutoring. From that meeting several potential students have been registered for tutoring help.

May was also the month LVCC held the annual Recognition Day. This event was attended by LVCC staff, students, and tutors. The library director, assistant director, and Camden County Freeholder were also in attendance. Students were recognized for accomplishments ranging from dedication to their studies to obtaining citizenship or a high school diploma. Many tutors were recognized for the have over 100 hours of instruction! There were also two important anniversaries - Mary Emily has been an LVCC tutor for 10 years and Bob for 20 years. LVCC also recognized tutor Sevena for her dedication to the program including her involvement in Literacy Now, tutoring students almost every day of the week with a yearly total of over 300 hours. Congratulations to all our students and tutors! Please check out some of the photo highlights below:



Students meet with their tutors, speak of their experiences, receive awards from Freeholder Kane, and pick-up gifts during Recognition Day events.

Over the course of the past year, LVCC has held 3 tutor training workshops and current has over 120 active tutors. The program has also served over 240 students this year. This was a very successful and the LVCC staff hopes to see everyone back in the Fall (or sooner if you are continuing to meet over the summer months)!

Announcements



New Game Night!

LVCC tutor HollyAnn will host a game night for tutors and students to get together, socialize, and play classic board games. This will bring a bit of community to those who work one-on-one with students.

*The first event will be **Tuesday, August 27th** from **6:30pm-8:30pm** in **Room C** of the **Voorhees Library**.*

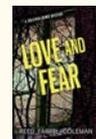
Hope to see everyone there!

(Please RSVP to the LVCC)

ESL Book Clubs

Due to the success of our initial Book Club, LVCC is starting a second Book Club for those available in the evening. There is still space in the both of the ESL book clubs to join!

*The **Monday** book club meets from **2pm-3pm** at the Voorhees Library. They will next meet on September 16th and will be reading a Gulliver Dowd mystery.*



*The new evening Book Club will begin **Thursday, August 22nd**. It will meet from **6pm-8pm**. Come to the first session to help pick out the book!*

Register for these classes through literacy@camdencountylibrary.org



FROM THE DESK OF...



And it's summer already!

This year has gone by so fast and we in the office can't thank all of our tutors and students enough. Thank you so much for helping to make this program so successful through your hard work and dedication. Throughout the changes that have happened this year, everyone has handled the uncertainty of potential location changes with grace and understanding. Whether you/your student are continuing your studies this summer or spending the months relaxing we hope to see all of you again in the fall with some new and exciting programming. Look for announcements in the next Newsletter and through email! I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

~ Victoria Chisholm

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