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!
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!

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.
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:

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)!
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.

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