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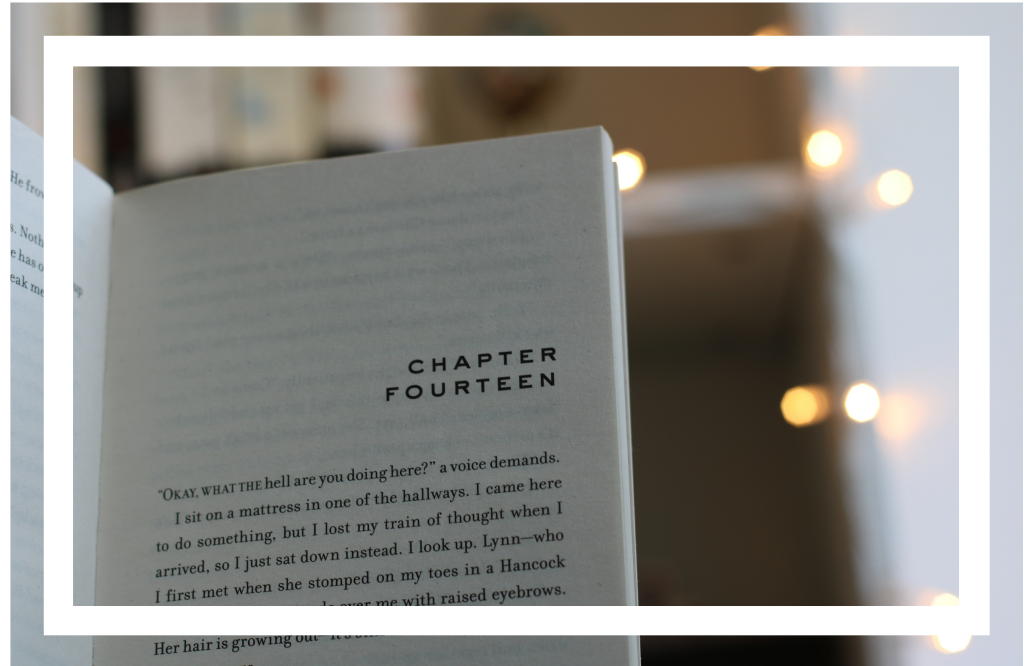
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FALL CLASSES BEGIN ONLINE

It's fall and that means new classes are beginning after a brief summer vacation. Unlike past years, now all the classes are meeting virtually. In the midst of this change, LVCC is so happy that both students and tutors have eagerly participated in "Zoom school" for the new and returning classes. To celebrate this fact, and in honor of November's designation as National Family Literacy Month, LVCC would like to put the focus on two

classes that have promoted literacy through pleasure reading activities.

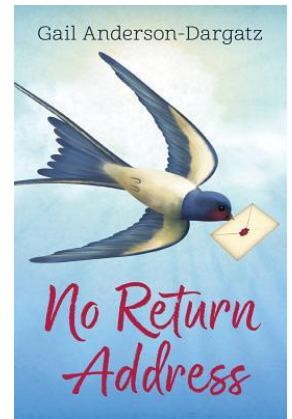
The first is the new Family Literacy Workshop, which uses children's books to promote literacy activities. In October LVCC started the first session of this six-week workshop. Students in both programs attend the sessions with their children, where BL Coordinator Charlotte leads discussions on various methods to promote reading and increase family engagement. During each class, participants practice different strategies which can be applied over various genres and grade levels in an effort to promote literacy activities among all members of a household.



FALL CLASSES CONT.

Also this October, the ESL Book Club began their fall session. This fall the seven participants are reading *No Return Address* by Gail Anderson-Dargatz, a novel about family relationships as it pertains to love and loss. Over the course of 11 weeks they will meet to discuss the readings with each other and book club moderator Angela. These lively and engaging meetings encourage pleasure reading through different works of fiction.

Through these topical classes, while reading for themselves or their children, students are strengthening the skills that they are learning in their tutoring sessions. Can't wait to see what they read next!



NEW ONLINE LEARNING APPS

●●● Basic Literacy & ESL ●●●

This Fall we have added some subscription based programming for students to use on their own or with their tutor. Seats are limited so if your student is interested please contact us as soon as possible to discuss availability.

Paxan Publishing

Starts: ongoing, self paced

Website: contact for link

This site has self-paced lesson on the Language Arts and/or Math sections of the HiSET test. Students can work with their tutor on the lessons or work on their own. Seats are limited so please contact Charlotte if you are interested in learning more about this service.

New Readers Press Online Learning: HiSET Prep

Starts: ongoing

Website: <https://onlinelearning.newreaderspress.com/>

HiSET® Exam Prep Online Learning course is designed to help students succeed on the HiSET. Course content includes four subject areas: Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, Reading and Writing. Please contact Charlotte to enroll in this class.

No Red Ink

Starts: ongoing

Website: <https://www.noredink.com/>

This is an online program that works on the students writing skills through different interactive grammar activities. NoRedInk allows tutors to create their own writing class with tailored essay assignments or they have their student join Charlotte's pre-created one. Please contact Charlotte to sign up.

Some More News

Welcome New Tutors!

This past October, LVCC held a 2-day ESL Workshop for new tutors. We welcomed 5 new tutors from this session. We also welcomed a new tutor who trained through a LiteracyNJ affiliate.

All new tutors are working with their new students. We are so glad to have them be a part of this program!

Interested in being a tutor?

If you know anyone who would like to be a tutor, please have them contact Susan.

We are always looking for new volunteers!



Learning Upgrade

Starts: ongoing, self-paced

Website: <https://web.learningupgrade.com/>

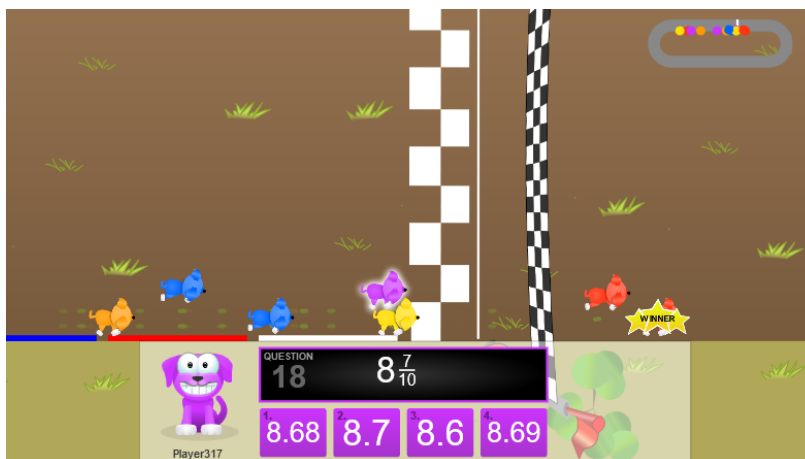
This learning app can be used by students in both the BL and ESL programs. Lessons are made for students to use while they have free time so they can spend a few minutes here and there completing challenges. Students will need to register using a code provided to them by a staff member.

RECOMMENDED ONLINE RESOURCE

Math tutors you are not forgotten! While instructing students on new math skills may consist of practice problems from workbooks, sometimes students need a more nontraditional method of instruction. Through the use of fun graphics the website **Math Playground** is dedicated to interactive learning strategies.

MATH PLAYGROUND

<https://www.mathplayground.com/>



screenshot of Puppy Chase Decimal Game

This site has a variety of interactive games that students can use to test their math knowledge. Shapes, Fractions, and Algebra all have fun games to test a student's knowledge.

Try the Puppy Chase Decimals game. Students compete against other online players converting fractions into decimals while trying to get their character over the finish line first - nothing like a little competition to motivate math skills!

Announcements



Don't Forget the News!



Just a reminder -our favorite news publications are available online!

***News for You** is a weekly publication that has been enjoyed by Literacy students for years.*

***Easy English News** comes out monthly and is a favorite with the Intermediate ESL students.*

Interested in Starting an Online Class?



Class instruction is a great way for students to exchange ideas and learn concepts with peers. Like many things, this has moved online. We would like recreate some of these opportunities digitally for our students, but need willing tutors.

If you would like to start a small group, please contact us to discuss to potential. We hope to hear from you soon!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Priyanka Jain



Priyanka joined the LVCC family in late 2017. She is a dedicated ESL student, attending all the classes she can and is eager to learn. While reading the newspaper *Easy English News*, she saw that they seek out student submissions. She decided to try. She wrote a story and submitted it to the publication. They wrote back stating that they liked her story but were unable to fit it into that month's edition, encouraging her to try again. Instead of submitting the same story, she decided to write a whole new essay. This one was accepted on her first try! Congratulations Priyanka!

Check out both her stories below and be sure to look for it in *Easy English News* in the coming months!

Easy English News

<https://my.bigtimbermedia.com>

Username: sshde146

Password: easyenglishnews

NYC, Getting Lost in a Metro

My story of getting lost in a Metro in NYC.



My husband, son and I went to visit New York City. We took the metro to visit "One Exchange Plaza." There was a rush in the train, so when my stop arrived my husband got off from the train. When my son and I were about to get off from the train, the doors closed. I was panicking and afraid that we would be lost in NYC. I asked people how to get back to the previous stop again. One person advised me that, "This train will return to the same stops on weekends." I felt a rush of relief and held my son's hand tightly. After some time I reached my stop and felt a sigh of relief.

Water Park



Once I visited a water park in Six Flag, I decided to go Aqua loop ride, there was a long queue. I waited 50 minutes and climbed up to the top, finally I got my turn. One man was there who was giving me instructions that how to keep your body while you are in ride. By the time, I started shivering and I was scared. I decided to I won't go in ride and will go through stairs. I told him I am not doing ride and going back. He asked me couple of time, are you sure you want to quit, I said 'YES'. When I was going by stairs one person asked me if you want to come with me, I felt embarrass and simply said 'NO' thanks.



FROM THE DESK OF...



The Season of Change

Autumn is a festive time as we break out the cozy sweaters, warm drinks, and enjoy the last days of pumpkin or apple picking. It is a time of change when the greens of summer transition into the warm tones of red and yellow. This past year has brought a lot of changes to our lives through the form of different challenges - our homes become offices and schools and the phrase "socially distant" became a common part of our lexicon. Our program has made a lot of adjustments these last months to make tutoring a safe experience for all. We are still practicing social distancing through online programming, and we continually look to expand our digital offerings. Look for further updates in the coming months, but in the meantime we hope that everyone enjoys the fall season and the vivid colors found around!

~ Victoria Chisholm

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