

Literacy Volunteers of East Bay

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Welcome to Literacy Volunteers of East Bay. Our trained, volunteer tutors provide free, confidential literacy tutoring to adults throughout the East Bay—East Providence, Bristol County (Barrington, Warren, and Bristol) and Newport Country (Portsmouth, Middletown, Newport, Jamestown, Little Compton and Tiverton).

Tutoring is generally done at the libraries in these communities, where it is most convenient for the tutor and student to meet. Each library has a collection of literacy materials that may be used. Most tutors spend about two hours per week tutoring their student, but this varies widely among tutor/student matches; we ask that prospective tutors plan to commit a minimum of one year (100 hours) of tutoring.

Participants who go through our tutor training become ProLiteracy-certified tutors after completing 16 hours of tutor training under the direction of our certified trainers. Because many of our students are English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), our workshop includes teaching techniques for working with ESOL as well as for basic reading, spelling, writing, and math. On the last day of the formal training, each tutor is assigned a student. After tutoring for four to six weeks, the group re-gathers for a reunion/debriefing.

Our second Spring 2011 Tutor Training will take place at Roger Williams University Campus. Specific location and directions will be sent closer to the actual training. The training runs five sessions:

Session 1, Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 6:30-9:00 pm

Tutor Responsibilities, Basic Literacy, Adult Learning

Session 2, Tuesday, May 3, 2011, 6:30-9:00 pm

Beginning to Read and Reading Comprehension, part I

Session 3, Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 6:30-9:00 pm

Reading Comprehension, Part II, The Writing Process and Numeracy

Session 4, Saturday, May 14, 2011, 6:30-9:00 pm (brown bag lunch)

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

Session 5, Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 6:30-9:00 pm

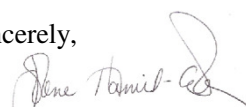
Goal Setting; Lesson Planning; Student Assignments

While the training is free, we do ask prospective tutors to pay \$35 to cover the cost of training and resource material, which will be yours to keep and use after the training. To enroll, please complete the enclosed intake form and return it by post with your \$35 material fee. Fee waived upon request.

We also strongly suggest that before training begins, you complete a short, free online tutorial "Orientation to Volunteering in Literacy" through Thinkfinity Literacy Network. The URL is <http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/TLN>. You can find detailed direction for registering for this online course on our website. You are welcome to complete any other courses.

Feel free to call me at 247-2177 if you have any questions. Again, thank you for your interest; I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Jolene Hamil-Cole, Director.

