

# LVR's New Year, New Ideas

*Please join us for our winter conference at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). (See enclosed map for directions).*

*We have planned a little something for everyone as we learn new things, enjoy breakfast, and share information with each other.*

*Remember, it's free!*



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Winter Conference*



**Saturday, March 19, 2016  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
RIT Campus Center  
Bamboo Rooms**

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**RIT Campus**

**Using Visual Aids - (9:00) Audience:**

**All tutors;** Presenter: David Fronczak.

Learn how to make the invisible visible! Much of the comprehension work that we ask our readers and mathematicians to do is invisible because it takes place in their minds. One way to make our learners' comprehension visible is through the use of anchor charts. Join David, a Reading and Math Interventionist, as we explore what makes an effective anchor chart, along with some practical ideas to get charting with your learner right away.

**USA Learns Overview - (9:00) Audience:**

**ESOL tutors.** Presenter Mellissa Woodhams will demonstrate the FREE website USA Learns, which was developed to help English language learners improve their English skills. The website includes the ability for a tutor to view the work the student has attempted and completed. It's a wonderful resource to use to support the work you do together in the tutoring sessions. Students are welcome to accompany their tutor.

**Building Math Sense - (10:00) Audience:**

**Math tutors;** Presenter: Jennifer Eaton.

Number sense is the ability to know what numbers mean, understand their relationship to one another, be able to perform mental math, understand symbolic representations, and use those numbers in real world situations. This workshop will explore the scope and sequence of skills needed for the development of number sense. We will discuss why number sense is important and explore activities that can help our students improve these skills.

**This Conference is free to all registered Literacy Volunteer tutors, volunteers, students and their family members**

**Using Think-Alouds to Improve Reading Skills - (10:00) Audience: Reading tutors.**

Cathy Pospula, an LVR Workshop trainer and retired business teacher, will discuss the Think-Aloud Strategy. This work shop will cover what a think-aloud is, how it is used and how to incorporate it into a lesson plan. *Participants should bring a copy of reading material they are using with their student to this session.*

**Citizenship - (11:00) Audience: tutors and students working towards citizenship.**

Presenters Bharati Verma, BIA Accredited, and Joelle Truax, Immigration Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator from Catholic Family Charities, will give an overview of the process to become a United States Citizen, including the screening/eligibility requirements and what the citizenship process entails. The presentation also includes an overview of the immigration services provided by Catholic Family Center (CFC) that assist with this process. Catholic Family Center is a BIA Accredited agency that assists over 500 individuals with immigration needs each year.

**Making Sense of Decoding and Spelling - (11:00) Audience: All tutors and reading students.**

Presenter Mellissa Woodhams will share the complete and comprehensive curriculum, Making Sense of Decoding and Spelling, which was developed by the National Institute for Literacy. This is a step-by-step resource to use with a student who struggles with decoding (sounding out words) and spelling. You will receive a copy of the curriculum and student activity book. Students are welcome to accompany their tutor.

**Winter Conference**

Registration and Breakfast 8:00-8:30

Keynote Speaker 8:30-8:50

**Choose one session for each time slot:**

- Using Visual Aids 9:00-9:55
- USA Learns.org Overview 9:00-9:55
- Building Math Sense 10:00-10:55
- Think-Aloud 10:00-10:55
- Citizenship 11:00-12:00
- Making sense of decoding and spelling 11:00-12:00

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- email your choices.

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