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# Tutor in Touch



## Winter Conference “Engage, Enlighten and Enjoy” Saturday, January 25, 2014



This year’s conference is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th and at St. John Fisher College. Registration will begin at 8:00AM, with a keynote speaker at 8:30AM, with breakout session to follow. A continental breakfast will be provided.

The key note speaker is Kathy Houghton, a representative from Literacy New York (LNY). Kathy is the Director of Program Services for LNY, which provides training, advocacy, support, and technical assistance to a state-wide network of 35 volunteer literacy programs serving thousands of adult learners. She will provide an overview of the new High School Equivalency test; Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC).

The first breakout session includes; Using TABE Reading Results in Lesson Planning, Vocabulary Development and Teaching Reading to ESOL Students. The second series includes; Using TABE Math Results in Lesson Planning, Depth of Knowledge and Library Materials: Using Teacher’s Guides.

This year we’re trying something new. One of the sessions will provide an opportunity to chat with other tutors. We’ll have a number of table topic chats to address your questions and concerns.

You should receive a conference pamphlet in the mail, with more information and details for registering by January 10th. Please call the office if you do not receive it by that date.



## Instructional Ideas and resources

### News for You

*News for You* is a weekly newspaper at Grade 3-6 reading level. You may take a copy, located in a bin in the Library Office. A Teacher's Guide with reading comprehension and discussion questions, writing exercises, and an answer key, is available to copy. Seven new stories, vocabulary words, and a crossword are included in each issue.



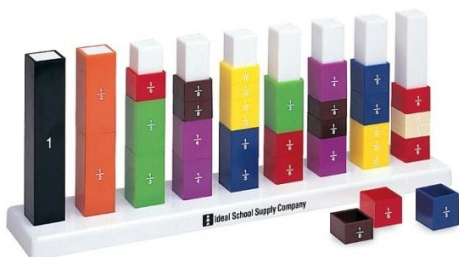
The newspaper can also be accessed online. A password is necessary to access all of the functions and articles. To obtain the password, please contact the office. One of the functions available is an audio component. One can click on any sentence in the news story to have it read aloud. Interactive exercises are also available. Here is a link to a preview of News for You online..

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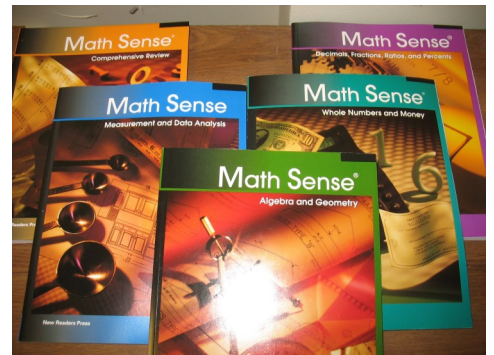
**“A book is the most effective weapon against intolerance and ignorance” Lyndon Baines Johnson**

### Hands On Math Items and Instructional Series

We've recently added new math instructional materials, including manipulatives, to our library. Pictured are just a couple of the additions we've made to our inventory. As we expand our math program, we are adding new and updated materials available to our tutors and students.



Make sure to stop in and check out the new items.



## Reporting Requirements

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We all know the most important reason we do what we do is to provide our students with the chance to improve their English literacy skills but to do that, we have to meet the requirements of our funders. One of the requirements is for students to have a pre-test and post-test to measure educational gain. We begin administering the post-test for the fiscal year in April but if your student is planning to discontinue before then, please notify the office immediately so we can contact the student to schedule an appointment.

## Literacy Navigator

LVR recently started a new service for our students and the general public called Literacy Navigator. The role of a navigator is to help an individual with immediate literacy needs, such as completing a job application or creating an email address. We have volunteers in Arnett Branch Library on Mondays, from 12-3PM, the downtown Bausch & Lomb branch on Wednesdays, 10AM-1PM, and at Greece Community Education Center in Greece Ridge Mall on Tuesdays, 12-8PM and Wednesdays, 10AM-6PM.

## LVR Library Hours and Services

The normal hours of operation for our library are 9AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday. If you are unable to make it here during those times, an after hours book return mailbox is located on the north end of the building (the end facing Elmwood Ave) There are return slips in the box (along with a pencil) which need to be completed and placed with the materials being re-



turned. You can also pick up materials from the box. Call the office and tell us what you would like set aside for after hours pick-up and we'll place it in the box for your convenience.



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