



## April 2018



### ***Adult Citizenship Education Strategies for Volunteers***

Volunteers are vital to the success of adult citizenship education programs. This series of training modules provides essential introductory information to anyone who may be helping their student get their Citizenship or their student is asking about getting their Citizenship.

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/teachers/training-and-professional-development/volunteer-training>



### ***Save the Date!***

Our annual awards ceremony is Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 P.M. It is held at the Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, Door 1, Sports Committee Conference Center (northeast corner of Elmwood & South). We will send you an invitation in May that will include a form for you to request a certificate to be created for your student. You tell us what achievement for which you would like your student to be recognized and we will create it. Certificates will be presented that evening to those in attendance.



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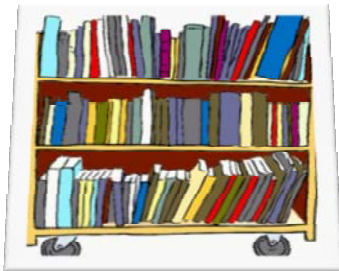
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## ***30 Hours = Post Test***

Recent changes by NYSED require that our one-to-one students be tested at 30 hours of instruction (or as soon as possible after). In the past we have always completed student testing annually in the spring- with the posttest counting as their pre-test for the following year. However, this change will require a new way of operating with more continuous testing.

(The idea is to mirror the standards of the test to match recommended hours of instruction with testing). We must follow these requirements, so that LVR can count your student and their progress in our total numbers for the year. As we reach out to your student for testing we may need your help encouraging them to come in to be re-tested.



## ***LVR Library - Spring Open House***

The LVR Bahler Library is now open to 8 PM every Wednesday evening. To celebrate, the library's new hours, you are all invited to the Spring Open house. Please join us on Wednesday, May 30 from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Come and enjoy free food fun, door prizes, scavenger hunt as you learn new and exciting information about the LVR Bahler Library with a special presentation from our Librarians. Hope that you and your student stop by and check out some materials as well.



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## ***Welcome, Denise Lynn Smith!***

As of January 15<sup>th</sup>, Denise Lynn Smith joined LVR as Services Coordinator. Denise will match new students and tutors and oversee new and current student exams. Denise will also offer support to current tutors and students who may have challenges with either lesson plans, tutoring materials or meeting locations. If you need some assistance, please contact Denise at [dsmith@literacyrochester.org](mailto:dsmith@literacyrochester.org). Denise will be here regularly on Wednesday evenings until 8 PM to support the LVR library and to meet with volunteers and students.



## ***LVR Digital Literacy is growing and expanding***

As of January, LVR Digital Literacy has expanded to include the Gates library- our second suburban branch. Digital Literacy provides computer help and support on several digitally related tasks including job and benefits applications. For more information and current schedule and sites, follow this link: <https://literacyrochester.org/digital-literacy/>



## ***The LVR Digital Literacy needs your help and is also here to help you and your student!***

Digital Literacy, which places volunteers in local libraries to help patrons learn basic computer skills and complete computer-essential tasks, is experiencing an ever-increasing demand for its services. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, click here: <https://literacyrochester.org/navigator-training> For more information contact [Brian Kane](#) .

If computer help and support ranging from learning basic computer skills to assisting with online job applications is what you or your student needs, then follow this link for more information and current schedule and sites: <https://literacyrochester.org/digital-literacy/>



## ***English Speaking and Listening Library Materials with Correlating Free On-line Resources***

A few of our library materials from New Readers Press have free resources available on-line, including audio files. As many of you who work with ESOL students know, one of the challenges for your student is being exposed to spoken outside your lessons. The materials listed below provide audio files, along with other resources to support you. The links are to the pages with the resources. I've also provided you the location of the material in the library.

***LifePrints: ESL for Adults, LOCATED ON CASE 4 SHELF 1***, is a great resource for providing adults with the language skills and cultural understanding that they need to navigate the complex worlds of home, school, and community life. The lower levels focus on helping



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students to learn the language skills needed to communicate and be understood. As the student progresses, the focus will change to accuracy and correctness of word usage. Additional resources, such as assessments and audios, are available at:

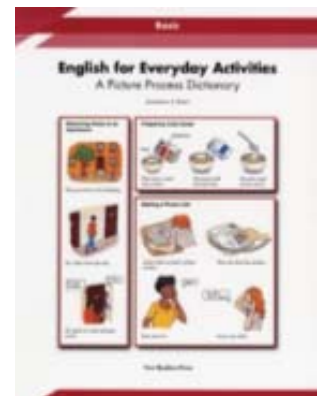
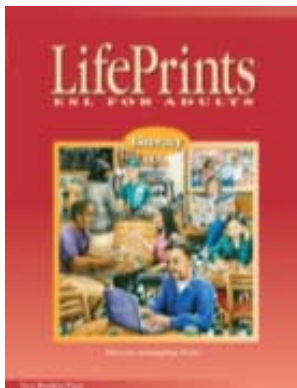
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***English-No Problem!*** LOCATED ON CASE 4 SHELF 2, offers a unique approach that poses a problem to students and then helps them work through it. The included lesson tasks and projects encourage your students to use their cultural knowledge, new words, and critical thinking. Additional materials for this text, such as vocabulary cards, placement tests, and lesson plan builders are available at:

<http://www.newreaderspress.com/english-no-problem>

***English for Everyday Activities***, LOCATED ON CASE 4 SHELF 2, uses realistic examples and conversations to help your students develop active listening and speaking skills. These skills will help them to use language in everyday situations that they encounter. Included in the Teacher's Guides are detailed lesson plans that make using this resource very easy. You can find free resources, including resource files, assessments, and audio files, at:

<http://www.newreaderspress.com/english-for-everyday-activities>





## *News for You Online*

News for You Online, offers easy-to-read news stories that can help your students learn to read, write, speak, and understand the English language. Seven new stories are posted each Wednesday, along with audio, exercises, vocabulary, a crossword puzzle, a word search, and a teacher's guide. Listen to each story in full or sentence-by-sentence. The articles on News for You are based on reports from The Associated Press and The Washington Post news services. All content is thoroughly reviewed by adult education professionals and editors to ensure accuracy, low-level readability, and appropriateness. With the online subscription you can search old articles by keywords and there is a Tips for Teachers section that gives you lesson ideas; a few areas included are: reading, listening, speaking, vocabulary, and writing.

You may access News for You Online at <https://www.newreaderspress.com/news-for-you-online>  
LVR's password is: 67F64D. This password will not change and is the same for all LVR users. There are also apps for android and apple if your student has a smart phone or tablet. They can access the free apps from their app store, then they just enter the same password **67F64D**.

**What's  
Your  
Story?**

## *Share your stories*

We know that wonderful work is being accomplished with our tutors and students, but we don't get to hear about it. We want you to share your stories with us so we can "brag" to our funders about the amazing achievements of our students...no achievement too small or too large...we want to hear about everything. We also want to hear about your experience. How has tutoring impacted your life? What achievements have you recognized in your life? No story too mundane or extravagant...we want to hear about everything.

To submit a story from your student or about your experience, you can send an email to Denise at [dsmith@literacyrochester.org](mailto:dsmith@literacyrochester.org) or call her at 473-3030 .

**We want to hear from you!!**