

# Clatsop Community College Volunteer Literacy Tutor News

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**FOUND!**  
**THANK YOU- 2 TUTORS STEPPED UP**  
to work with our Chinese brother and sister!

### NOW NEEDED:

Tutor for a Spanish-speaking man for late afternoon, early evenings. He has already started working diligently to improve his reading, writing and pronunciation.



## **FALL TERM Tutor Training**

**Saturday, December 6**

**11:00 - 2:00 PM**

**Columbia Hall, room 219**

**RSVP**

### **Topics to be addressed include:**

- **Citizenship process**
- **Suggestions from Our Tutors**
- **New Materials**
- **You tell me! What would you like to see presented?**



**AnaLuisa  
Morales**

**Do you have any friends or family who may want to become a tutor?**



## **THE ENGLISH HOUR . . . .**

One of our tutors has a great idea- to hold a conversational English meeting once a month where our ESL students can get together and chat in a relaxed atmosphere. The plan is to hold the first meeting on **Wednesday, January 7, 2015** here in the literacy office. Cookies and coffee will be provided. Any ESL student is welcome and no testing or formal registration with the literacy program is necessary for people to attend. Questions? Want to participate with your student? You can call Patty Larsen @ 503-325-0074 or [pklaaslarsen@yahoo.com](mailto:pklaaslarsen@yahoo.com)

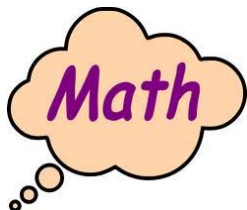
## **WINTER BREAK**

The literacy office will be closed from 12/17 through 1/5. Need anything? Give me a call . . .

The college will be open for those of you who still wish to meet with your students, but you will have to meet in Columbia Hall. The library will be closed, too.



## Keys to Math Learning



**Albert Einstein**

“Do not worry about your difficulties in mathematics, I assure you that mine are greater.”

Be that as it may . . . These sites (one in English, one in Spanish) have short quizzes in many basic math topics and other subjects such as geography, including math.

<http://www.thatquiz.org/>     <http://www.thatquiz.org/es/>

## **NEW CLASS FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING WOMEN STARTING WINTER TERM**

*Transiciones Costa* (Lives in Transitions)

Wednesday Mornings

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Towler Hall, room 307

Call for more info @ **338-2379** to leave a message in English or Spanish for Yolanda Turner, the instructor. Please tell your students! You can all the literacy office, too @338-2557



## Keys to Language Learning

Second language acquisition occurs when learners are exposed to language that is at or slightly above their level of comprehension.

Offer a balance of easier and more challenging materials. If you are concentrating on pronunciation, give the student practice with vocabulary they already understand, so they are not trying to learn new words and pronounce at the same time.

**Meaningful interaction and natural communication in the target language are necessary for successful language acquisition.**

Learners need to use the language, not simply hear their teachers speak it. Use role playing exercises from real-life, such as doctor visits, speaking, dictating and writing recorded phone messages, etc.

**Language learners can monitor their speech for correctness when they have time to focus their attention on form.**

Give your student enough time to self-monitor and self-correct. Watch the pace of your speech and delivery- SLOW DOWN. Repeat (and teach by example) what the student has just said, but with the correct grammar. Hearing it correctly will eventually become ingrained.

“Learning to read is probably the most difficult and revolutionary thing that happens to the human brain and if you don't believe that, watch an illiterate adult try to do it.”

— John Steinbeck

