

# Clatsop Community College Volunteer Literacy Tutor News

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## Winter Term TRAINING

Saturday, February 27

12:00-2:00 in the Literacy Office

Light Lunch Provided/Please RSVP

### Learn About

- Techniques for review/repetition
- Leveled reading materials
- How to assess student level/ Evaluating student needs
- Resources/Internet searches for teaching materials
- Tips to improve student listening



We have just added an additional training in Seaside on February 20 at the South County Center @ 1455 N. Roosevelt. The training will be held from 1 – 3 PM. Its focus will be on the adult learner and basic ESL strategies and will address the needs of new tutors. If you are an experienced tutor and are interested in joining us, feel free to do so. Please RSVP.

“Literacy arouses hopes, not only in society as a whole but also in the individual who is striving for fulfilment, happiness and personal benefit by learning how to read and write. Literacy... means far more than learning how to read and write... The aim is to transmit... knowledge and promote social participation.”

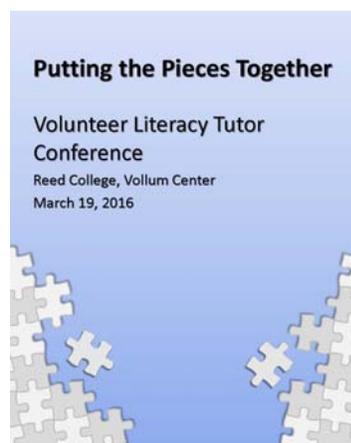
– UNESCO Institute for Education, Hamburg, Germany

Saturday, March 19/9:00-3:00

The Portland Literacy Council is sponsoring the 2016 Volunteer Literacy Tutor Conference on the Reed College Campus. Our budget has funds to pay for your participation in the event, which includes workshops taught by ESL and GED instructors from Portland-area colleges. This conference supports Volunteer Literacy Tutors by offering a forum to exchange ideas, develop new teaching strategies, and hone tutoring skills. In addition to workshops, participants can attend activities such as a cultural exchange presentation and a tutor discussion session.

Attendees will be able to select from among fifteen workshops, divided among three time slots. The conference registration fee includes a catered luncheon, door prizes and a great opportunity to mingle with others as concerned about literacy and student success as you are.

Interested? We cannot supply mileage fees this year, just the registration fee. You will have to provide your own transportation, but perhaps you could ride-share? Let me know if you are interested and I will put you in touch with other interested tutors. I've been before and it an informative and worthwhile experience. The list of workshops will be available in February.





### **Cannon Beach Update:**

For a long time, Cannon Beach residents have been sorely lacking in literacy services because of distance and my lack of time to be there working with no more than a tutor or two. Nancy Wesson is now the “boots on the ground” for the volunteer literacy program in Cannon Beach. Admittedly, her assignment is only for a few hours a week, but she has already rustled up a good-size group of tutors and the students “are coming out of the walls” looking for help. She also has a class at Elk Creek Apartments up and running once a week. Students who live in Seaside and who have relatives in Cannon Beach are also interested in studying. If you are in Seaside or Cannon Beach and have friends who may be interested in joining us, please call me @ 503-338-2557 or call Nancy directly @ 971-320-0283. You can email her at [nancydwesson@gmail.com](mailto:nancydwesson@gmail.com)

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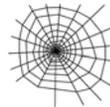
### **NEW Program Offered Through the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council**

#### ***Do you know what the Plazas Comunitarias program is?***

The *Plazas Comunitarias* Program was created in 2001 under the administration of Mexican President Vicente Fox and accepted in the United States through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mexican and United States governments in 2004. The *Plazas Comunitarias* serve as transitional programs into English and adult basic education classes as it establishes an academic foundation for Hispanic immigrants from which to work. Students tap into an online program to gain literacy skills in Spanish where they learn to read and write in their native language and finish elementary- and intermediate-level education certified by the Mexican Department of Education. As we all know, literacy in the home language has a huge impact on how well (and how quickly) a person can learn a second language. Rocío Simmons, long-term board member with the Hispanic Council, has been working diligently to get this program up and running. The council’s executive director, Jorge Gutierrez, has won grants to buy laptops to create a mobile classroom, some of which will be used to administer the *Plazas* lessons. Rocio and Maritza, the program coordinator at the council, are seeking folks with good Spanish language skills to assist. If you know of anyone, or want more information, please call me, the council @ 503-325-4547 or Rocío at 503-440-3945. Please inform your students, if you think it appropriate, about this valuable new addition to the growing educational offerings available to Spanish speakers in our area.

### **Worksheet Generator**

Now you can make your own worksheets free online with the TEFL Net ESL Worksheet Generator. Designed to make printable worksheets and answer sheets just for ESL students, you can create the worksheets you need in minutes. You'll find it at: <http://www.tefl.net/esl-lesson-plans/worksheet-generator>



From the Web . . .

<http://www.really-learn-english.com/>

<http://www.really-learn-english.com/english-spelling-rules-pronunciations-of-ough.html>

Dennis N. discovered this site which has lots of ESL materials-some for purchase; however, there are many free spelling and pronunciation materials you may want to explore.

Some of the English grammar explanations are available in Spanish, which may be a quick way to get complicated information to students without twisting ourselves in knots explaining grammar rules.

Thanks, Dennis!

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**Intermediate/Advanced ESL Class:** Mondays in Astoria- 6:00-9:00 PM

**Seaside:** Mondays and Wednesdays- 6:00-9:00 PM  
1455 N. Roosevelt

**Astoria:** Tuesdays and Thursdays- 6:30-9:30  
Columbia Hall, room 114