

Clatsop Community College Volunteer Literacy Tutor News

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VOLUNTEER LITERACY AND LOCAL BUSINESS

We have several excellent examples of students who have taken the skills and assistance received in the literacy program and put them to use running local businesses. This month we take a look at:

Raquel Rowell

Willapa-Oysters: absolutely pure shellfish

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<http://willapa-oysters.com/>

Raquel is from Brazil. She participated in the literacy program for several years, faithfully driving all the way from Ocean Park to meet weekly with her tutors. All her tutors love her good humor and pursuit of perfection. She and her husband John run an old family business out of Ocean Park, which they restarted several years ago by growing and harvesting oysters from Willapa Bay. They have built the business up into a company with a wide selection of seafood products that they ship round the world. Raquel came up with the idea to create a kitchen to expand their product offerings. Then she and John created their own recipes such as the delicious "Crab-Mac" (like no macaroni and cheese you've ever imagined!), chowders and stews (Yes, I've tried them!). Raquel also meticulously prepares for and takes all the photographs that populate the website.

Raquel wrote: ***"It took a lot of time to get what we wanted. We want to offer fresh seafood when we ship and quality casserole food with the best ingredients used. I would like to tell you, the tutors are very important with immigrant people, they help a lot. In my case I can read and***



We are fortunate to welcome a few new tutors to the group.

Autumn B.

Michael F.



SUMMER TUTOR TRAINING/SATURDAY

AUGUST 1, 2015/ RSVP

11-2:00 PM

Literacy Office/SW Corner of the SSC

Let me know what you topics you would like to see addressed.

New materials are on the way.

Would anyone like to give a presentation?

understand much better, and it makes a big difference in my business, too." I have ordered oysters and crab sent to NY at Christmas time and I can attest to the freshness of the product and the professionalism of the company. Raquel and John can be found almost at the end of the road on the Long Beach Peninsula. Check them out on your way to Leadbetter State Park.





TUTOR PAPERWORK

Sorry, all, it's that time of the year again. We need a new Volunteer Services Agreement for the 2015-2016 school year.

<https://www.clatsopcc.edu/sites/default/files/file/vlt/new%20volunteer%20services%20agreement.pdf>

And the quarterly tutor time sheets located at

<https://www.clatsopcc.edu/sites/default/files/file/vlt/Volunteer-Timesheet.pdf>

- Call for hardcopies if you like and I will mail them to you.
- If you have student sign-in sheets from last year, please send them.
- Do you need more student sign sheets? They are available at https://www.clatsopcc.edu/sites/default/files/file/vlt/Student_Sign_In_Sheet.pdf
- Or I can send them of to you. 338-2557

THANK YOU!

Websites for new reading materials:

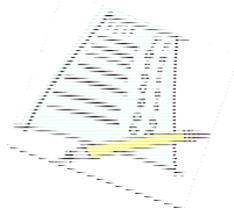
<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/simple-english-news.html>

This is a news site available in 3 levels- has extensive worksheets and vocabulary/grammar exercises related to each article.

<http://linguapress.com/inter.htm>

This is another large site with many readings at intermediate and advanced levels.

JUST A REMINDER- THERE IS A COLLECTION OF BILINGUAL (SPANISH/ENGLISH) CHILDREN'S BOOKS AT THE CCC LIBRARY THAT MAY WORK FOR SOME OF YOUR STUDENTS- A GOOD WAY FOR PARENTS TO LEARN SURPRISINGLY SOPHISTICATED VOCABULARY AND READ TO THEIR KIDS.



TESTING . . . YES, it's that time of the year again when we torture students. If your student tested between April 1 and June 30, 2015, they are not required to re-test until May 2016. (Whew . . .) I have a list of folks who are due and will be contacting them and the tutors to let everyone know. We are testing **exclusively** on computers now and **ALL** students will have to meet me here at the college in Astoria or Seaside.

NEW ESL CLASS: 6:00-8:00 PM

Monday nights, in collaboration with the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council, the literacy program is holding an **Intermediate ESL** class focused on **reading** and **vocabulary development**. All students **MUST** test at a certain reading level to enter the class. Do you have a student who may fit the bill? They must have decent verbal and listening skills as well as have met the reading standard. Send them here for a reading test, if they don't already have one. We are asking for the student to commit to consistent attendance.

A leveled class where all the students meet a certain standard is a wondrous thing in the world of ESL. Gains will be made by all because the instructors can focus on the needs of a few similar students instead of trying to make all levels get a little something from the class. Held in the literacy office, tutors who wish to observe how it's done are welcome to attend. Call and let us know if you'd like to check it out.



Interested in a weekly chat session to practice Spanish? Join the world travelers in the *Café Con Español* group at 3 Cups Coffee, 279 W Marine Dr, Astoria. They usually meet Tuesdays 3-4 PM. **Contact Marshall @ 503-701-6667**