

# Clatsop Community College Volunteer Literacy Tutor News

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## FALL TERM TUTOR TRAINING

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1, 2017

1:00-3:00 PM

LITERACY OFFICE



**TOPICS** addressed will reflect the requests of participants.

**RSVP 338-2557**

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**Does your student know about free library cards for persons under 18 who live outside the city limits in Clatsop County?**

The ROCC (Rural Outreach Clatsop County) program, funded through grants and local fundraisers, provides a library card to those who do. Parents can bring ID and proof of residence to Seaside, Astoria and Warrenton Libraries and receive a card good for a year.

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**COMING SOON: WINTER TERM**

**SPANISH GED PREPARATION CLASSES**

CLATSOP HAS HIRED A NEW SPANISH INSTRUCTOR WHO WILL BE HELPING STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE GED TESTS IN SPANISH. CLASS TIME IS YET TO BE DETERMINED. CALL 503-338-2557 TO REFER A STUDENT. FLYERS WILL BE PREPARED AS THE JANUARY START DATE APPROACHES.

## WELCOME BACK

### CANNON BEACH LITERACY PROGRAM

The City of Cannon Beach granted us start-up funding to reinstate the Literacy Liaison position in CB. In partnership with the Cannon Beach Library, weekly English classes will resume from 6:00-8:00 Tuesday evenings, beginning November 14<sup>th</sup> and running through May 2018. Judith Pearson has been hired to run the classes, as well as recruit both students and volunteers wanting to participate. If you want to refer a student or join in as a volunteer, call her: 971-201-6605 or email [jpearson@clatsopcc.edu](mailto:jpearson@clatsopcc.edu)

For the past two years, these classes have served a close-knit group of students while their children work with another volunteer who reads with them. This family literacy activity fills a gap in CCC services in South County. We sincerely thank the CB Community Grants program and the CB Library Board for their support of our program!





## Tutor Projects at CCC

Recently 2 tutors have branched out to do presentations in our GED and ESL classes. Barbara L. presented to 2 classes on hummingbirds and how she learned to rehab an injured baby back to health and freedom. The GED science instructor said her students were so engaged that "they had never sat that long." And Nancy C. contacted us initially interested in helping a student with reading. She ended up putting her artist background and training to great use conducting a drawing class in the Astoria GED class twice a week. The students love it! These projects are enriching our classes and encouraging cognition through engagement and hands-on learning. If any of you would like to give a presentation that will interest our students, please contact us and we'll help you bring it on!

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### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

#### **WINGS/FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

A full-day workshop for women interested in attending school. Put on by the Seaside and Astoria chapters of the AAUW, these workshops offer information, inspiration and financial incentives to women looking to get on with their educations. There is a **WINGS Latina** offered at the same time for students not quite ready to enter full English classwork. More information forthcoming . . .

#### ***Transiciones: Costa Uno y Dos***

***Transiciones*** is a 2-part Lives in Transition for Spanish-speaking women that begins again winter term. Call Yolie Turner @ 503-338-2317 for bilingual information. Email her at [yturner@clatsopcc.edu](mailto:yturner@clatsopcc.edu)

### FREE RESOURCES

The **Voice of America** website has a lot of resources for English language learners. Most of it is geared to intermediate and advanced students. There are articles and stories where the text is accompanied by a listening option. Listening while following text can be a powerful learning tool. There are Level 1-3 options, immigrant stories with video and text as well as lessons on the U.S. Constitution. I've been using the site in my Intermediate class and, with a bit a prep on the tutor's part, it can be a useful resource. Let me know if you would like a tutorial on how to use it.

<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/>

*Check out the "English in a Minute" feature which addresses idioms or phrases in a short video with a narrator and 2 actors engaged in a short dialog.*

#### **Marshall Adult Education Reading Skills**

[http://resources.marshalladulthoodeducation.org/reading\\_skills\\_home.htm](http://resources.marshalladulthoodeducation.org/reading_skills_home.htm)

Free leveled program that can be accessed interactively online or printed from the website. Levels .07 – 8. The content is geared towards immigrants. The readings have a simple set up that previews vocabulary, provides opportunity for discussion and comprehension checks, as well as a writing component. What's not to love?

#### **YouTube: Tasty English**

Short videos that demonstrate idioms through amusing scenarios with English subtitles. Tasty English is filmed in Japan and Korea by young expat teachers. Good for intermediate students. There are probably 30-40 videos. I show the videos and provide a handout with the transcribed dialog. Students take turn reciting different roles. A tutor and a student can easily perform the dialogs. There are a number of print copies ready-made available to you in the literacy office.