

MEET THE NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Elana Kirshenbaum is the new Educational Counselor/Volunteer Coordinator. Elana brings a wealth of experience in Adult Education from Dorcas Place and the International Institute. Her Bachelor's degree is in Social Work and she has several years teaching ESOL in family literacy, citizenship, and workplace education programs. Elana has taken over Tutor Training and support and works with students in both the day and evening program.

Elana has extensive experience recruiting, training and supervising volunteers, having founded Rhode Island Vegan Awareness, a non-profit organization. Her successful volunteer coordination has allowed critical outreach activities and educational programs to reach thousands of people.

"I am very excited about my role at The Literacy Center and happy to be part of a team of very dedicated people. I look forward to meeting everyone as we continue our critically important mission of empowering others through education."



Elana Kirshenbaum

Class Expansion

We have opened 4 new evening classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages. Fifty enthusiastic students are enrolled in 2 beginner, 1 intermediate, and 1 advanced level class. They meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30. Within one week a waitlist was established for each level. We hope to continue to add classes to meet the growing need for services.



Teacher Adam Heywood's Advanced English class

"I've learned so much in such a short amount of time. My family and friends are very proud of the progress I am making towards my goals." Mercedes Fukamizu

Even Start

Explores the Nation

Through The Sun Chronicle's "Newspapers in Education" program, Even Start participated in "Target Date". Thirty newspapers from 25 states mailed Even Start a copy of their paper from the target date, February 5th. It made for exciting classes as the students compared headlines, weather, and what was of most importance in each community. Of particular interest to the students was how much coverage the SuperBowl received in each area of the country. They learned a lot about geography as they compared extremes of temperature. Teacher Mary Hourigan said "We are very happy to have participated in Target Date because it gave my students an excellent snapshot view of life in different areas of the country. The project fit in nicely with the Feb. theme of "Civics in and around Attleboro" and the March theme of "Civics in the US."

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 5th

WALK for LITERACY

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you

Ed Liston Landscaping for plowing the snow

North Attleborough Housing Authority for continuing to supply the space for our evening GED program on Elm St.

The Sun Chronicle "Newspapers in Education" program for supplying papers to students at Even Start and the main program at North Main St.

Newsletter by Email

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email (to help save us postage) please send your name and email address to Mcuebas@theliteracycenter.com

NEW TUTOR SUPPORT CENTER

Located on the second floor... Lots of books, materials, and lesson plans available for all levels. Online resources can be accessed at the computer station. See back of newsletter "Tutor Corner" for details on the open house to meet the new volunteer coordinator and to check out the support center.

Tutor Corner

Spring Tutor Training: Days: Tuesdays—May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5
Evenings: Mondays—April 30, May 7, 14, 21, June
4,11

Tutor Workshop: Monday, April 23rd 7pm—8pm “**Teaching Pronunciation**” Call
to register (508)226-3603

Open House NEW TUTOR SUPPORT CENTER - Meet Volunteer Coordinator Elana
Kirshenbaum

Monday April 16th 10am—Noon and Wednesday April 18th 5:00pm—7:30pm

TUTOR HOURS—Please note the new system for collecting tutor hours. *Print* your
name when you sign in and record hours in the right column when you sign out. If you
tutor in another place please continue to call or mail in your hours. ALSO—we put this
system in place in January but we need hours for July—December if you haven’t sent
them in already. Thank you for your cooperation. This information is very important to
us!

Congratulations New Tutors (Winter tutor training class): Maury Famulare, Nancy
Flynn, Judith Friend, Carrol Gray, Sarah Hobart, Lily Holowinsky, Linda Mealey, Janine
O’Connor, Mary Pichi, Joan Rauch, John Sefcik, Deborah Sladen, Beverly Smith, De-
nyse Tracey, Ellen Downing, Linda Beith, Nancy Flynn