



Kind and Generous Volunteers

I want to give a shout out to all my volunteers who have made this a wonderful year. Thank you for all you do for our students, Literacy New Jersey and our Burlington County communities. Because of your service we were able to serve almost 200 students this year. We offered 24 small groups, 20 one-to-one pairs, 14 ESL classes, 4 conversation groups, 3 U.S. Citizenship classes, 2 computer classes and 3 reading and writing classes.

Link below: *Kind and Generous* by Natalie Merchant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LR6PV-lrv7s>

Real Life Materials: Tornado Guide

What do you do when your phone alarm sounds and a tornado warning has been issued? Many of us know to keep watch and move to the basement or windowless room in our house. Do your students know what to do in case of a tornado? I've polled students in our office classes to find out if tornadoes were apart of their life outside of the United States. Students from Vietnam, Poland, China and Russia have never experienced a tornado warning before coming the States.

Below is a link to a FEMA guide on how to protect yourself and your family before, during and after a tornado. Please take a few minutes of your tutoring session to share this important information with your students.



Tornado Guide

https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1522342356541-54bd8d92d0d0d07bca4c1250ebde2b21/Tornadoes_508.pdf

Summer Classes Added

This summer we have added additional classes. Our new class schedule is below, and there is still time to register. Contact the office at (609) 877-5566 or rpowers@LiteracyNJ.org

Please note: due to overwhelming popularity, enrollment into our Intermediate Conversation Group on Tuesday has closed.

We look forward to a great summer of learning!

Summer 2019 Class Schedule

ESL Classes

Beginning ESL Conversation Group

Mondays, July 1st—August 26th*

10AM-12PM

Literacy NJ Office

ESL Class with Vivian

Wednesdays, July 10th—August 28th*

10AM-12PM

Literacy NJ Office

High Beginner ESL Class

Thursdays, July 11th—August 29th*

10AM-12PM

Literacy NJ Office

Drop In Computer Class

Tuesdays, July 9th—August 27th

6PM-7:30PM

Willingboro Library

***No Class August 5th—August 9th**



Jacobo's Story

My name is Jacobo. I am from Honduras. I came to the United States 8 years ago. After a year, my wife and our children came to the United States. I have two boys and one daughter.

I work in construction. I am the foreman on the construction site. I have to make sure everyone is safe. I speak English to the 32 guys who work for me and I have to speak English to my boss. Usually my boss and I speak over a radio or we text. I have to listen good when he speaks to me over the radio. Sometimes I hear things wrong. Once I heard him say, "Oh my bad." But he said "Oh, my back." I understand the difference now. Some English words are very similar.

My tutor works with me two times a week. On Tuesday we talk about the verb "to be" and the days and months of the years. On Thursday he helps me with the citizenship test. I learn about American history: about the first president of the United States and the Civil War. I want to apply for citizenship in two months and I hope I will get my citizenship 6 months after that. My dream is to get my citizenship and for my family to get their citizenship.

In my home country of Honduras there is a lot of violence. There are a lot of Narcos. Many kids my sons' ages are doing drugs. I don't want that for them. I want them to go to school and to feel safe. I want to buy three more houses for my kids. That is my dream.

