Wanted: Project Coordinator

With generous funding from the Friends of the CH Booth Library, the C.H. Booth Library is happy to announce a project intended to help aid English Language Learners / those who speak English as a Second Language who live and work in Newtown.

As Newtown’s primary resource of information and literacy, the Cyrenius H. Booth Library’s mission is to promote the joy of lifelong learning, stimulate curiosity, support the exchange of ideas, and provide a welcoming gathering place for our community. The library very much wants to create a welcoming learning environment that is stocked with needed resources for English Language Learners and all others.

The Project Coordinator will lead a 12-session, 6-month pilot – e.g., twice a month – consisting of a conversational group held at a consistent time of the week – time to be determined but is predicted to be during non-working hours (e.g., Fridays at 6 p.m. etc.).

The coordinator will run the programs and conduct the conversation groups. Assistance with advertising will also be required. There is a child-watch component to help participants who have young children; the coordinator generally supervise that position.

The work

Conversation groups focus on repetition: Processing and retaining new information takes repetition. These conversation groups will replay / reinforce vocabulary and key learning concepts. Review: Learning games and fun quizzes allow ELLs to review the information again to help solidify what they have already heard.

Providing additional ways of accessing information for ELLs who may not have the language proficiency to understand provides an immeasurable help with comprehending instructions, vocabulary, and content concepts.

Other community agencies that will be involved include Newtown Continuing Education and Newtown’s Literacy Volunteers of America servicing agency, the New Milford LVA.

Compensation

Project Coordinator: $1,200; Child watch: $400

If you are interested please get back to Douglas Lord at 203-426-1561 or dlord@chboothlibrary.org for more information.