Activities for Toddlers & Caregivers

We will do a story (based on ESL practice) and related small craft every time. I will use simple books to reinforce English learning, and not just doing crafts. Sometimes we will sing a song, such as "the fox went out on a chilly night..." or do creative movement, but always begin with a book.

*Middle Level*

#MID1 with Irene Komor (Monday, 10-12pm, at St Luke Church)

Conversation and Writing

Conversation and some writing about a variety of topics, such as American slang, local newspaper articles, poetry, local events, family and cultural practices, and more, with input from participating students.
Weekly homework related to class work.

#MID2 with Suzanne Spitz (Tuesday, 10-12pm, at Hasbrouck)

Conversation

The aim of this class is to help increase your comfort with both speaking and understanding conversational English. Much of the class time will be spent discussing various aspects of contemporary life in your countries and the US – especially topics chosen by the students. There will also be activities and games to encourage students to think and converse with each other while having fun. If requested, help will be given on troublesome points of grammar and usage, and also with written English.

#MID3 with Jon Horn (Tuesday, 6-8 pm, at Robert Purcell Center, Rm222)

Conversation

The primary focus of the class will be directed toward developing conversational English. Students will pick topics of interest such as cultural comparisons and differences between their
county and the United States, politics, history, and art. Students, if they desire, can learn about and report to the class about local / regional customs and how to get things. The instructor will also help enrich the student's vocabulary and pronunciation. Additionally, some basic grammar and idioms will be reviewed if requested by the students.

#MID4 with Anita Watkins (Thursday, 10-12pm, at St Luke Church)

**Storytelling in Writing and Speaking**

In this class we will tell stories about ourselves, our classmates and our world. We will do both writing and speaking. You will do some writing homework each week, and we will cover some pronunciation tips each week. I will expect you to attend regularly.

*Advanced Level*

#ADV1 with Lisa McCutcheon (Monday, 1-3pm, at St Luke Church)

**Conversation**

This is a class in conversational English, but there will be opportunities for writing activities as well. We will use topics the students are interested in and work as a whole group and in small groups. Students will become better at understanding and using everyday expressions and idioms.

#ADV2 with Lucia Armstrong (Tuesday, 1-3pm, at St Luke Church)

**Conversation**

Conversational topics will cover a wide range of subjects, depending on students' interests. We will focus on learning more about living in a foreign country and understanding American culture. There will be a short weekly reading assignment to help with class discussion.

#ADV3 with Carol Klepak (Wednesday, 7-9pm, at Africana Studies Center, Rm B07)

**Conversation**

This is a class in conversational English. The class will focus on verbal communication skills, using whole group and small group discussion, storytelling and other interactive, classroom activities. We will rely largely on the interests of our students to guide weekly conversational topics and activities. Please come to class with a few ideas about topics you'd like to discuss over the next several weeks. These can include anything from important interactions, such as making healthcare or business appointments, to everyday task-oriented or social interactions.

# ADV4 with Gail Sakai (Thursday, 1-2:30pm, at St Luke Church)
Fiction Talk

Class Description:
A 90 minute forum for a small group of 8 advanced students to discuss various fiction pieces: short stories and 1 or 2 novels chosen according to the consensus of the group. The fiction will be used in various ways for discussion.

Teaching Focus:
- Idiom development and clarity of expression.
- Pronunciation improvement through Read shares from the assigned stories and novel(s).
- A comprehensive attempt to increase group members’ confidence to discuss in English.
- A comfortable and supportive class atmosphere

Assignments:
- Active collection of language questions to share with the group.
- A fiction reading assignment with assigned preparation guidelines for our group discussions.

# ADV5 with Cheryl Barbasch (Thursday, 7-9pm, at Hasbrouck)

Conversation
The focus of the Thursday evening class is English conversation. We use a variety of short articles (non-fiction and fiction) as well as audio or video recordings as a basis for discussion. We play games and sometimes write poetry or sing (depending on the class). The class can request activities or topics to discuss, as well as whether to cover other topics, such as pronunciation or grammar. Students are encouraged to give a presentation to the class (on any topic). Optional assignments are given if students wish to practice writing.