



In Our Words Newsletter

Submissions for *In Our Words* printed book due this week!

Items from these newsletters will be compiled into our annual *In Our Words* book this fall. We will print these books and give them out at a special event in November.

Writing needs to be submitted by **September 23** to be included in the printed book. Submissions for the monthly newsletter are accepted all of the time and will be included in next year's book if sent after September 19.

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Student Writing

Journal Entry for My Tutor, Mark, by English Language Learner, Zhouli (Leo) Quan

Hello Mark! Did you have a good weekend? Finally, the craft show was over. It was funny and impressive. During these days, I had a lot of things to talk about with you.

At first, I thought this craft show was interesting for me. Though I had some experiences with craft shows in China when I was in college, it was totally different this time. Because it was the first time to prepare a craft show with my family members, preparing what we would sell and need. I thought that even though we wouldn't make big money after this show, this experience was meaningful to me.

Then, I liked the people I met in Linden, Tennessee. On the way to the show, I had a discussion about the people in the US with Cary. Because I saw a lady who was a staff in the store and she shared a video about a day in her store. In that video, though she just said how are you doing to her customers, her customers said a lot of bad words. But those people we met were different. Those customers would say your crafts were beautiful and shared some stories about them. Some people when they saw I was taking some pictures for Sini, they would come and say where was a better place to take pictures. They impressed me a lot.

This craft show let me know more about the people in the US. Though it made me tired, I think it was worth it.

My Goals, by English Language Learner, Anna Kiryushkina

I set an ambitious goal to improve my English skills during one year.

I have been studying English since the fives grade of elementary school, then continued studying in university. The English classes at school were really boring. Most of the time we just learning grammar rules and did reading. There were almost no speaking practise. Later I understood that I was tought to pronouce some words wrong starting from the school. When I was studying at school I didn't take English classes seruosly. I thought that I don't need to know English, because I wanted to be enginner. In univeristy there were English classes just frist two years. The lessons were mainly focused on studying vocabulary related to engienering. And again no speaking practise. When was a university student, I realised that English is a must if I want to work in foreign company. And I took a few English courses and studied by myself. After finishing university I was hired by foreign companies Nissan and Nokian Tyres. My English level was enough to communicate with forein colleagues. When I moved to the US I started feeling uncomfortable, because I didn't use to American English. Americans speak really fast, quite often using the shorten words and some people have very strong southern accent. Very often people can't understand my English. I really want to change it, because I'm feeling uncomfortable speaking with locals. When I achieve my goal I can make local friends and change the career field.

I enrolled to English classes and styding with a tutor two times weekly. I decided to read at least one English book per month and speak more with locals at work.

I believe that I can succed and reach my goal. It won't be easy, but I really want it.

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Free Items

Because online classes are going so well, we've made the tough decision to close our Antioch office for now. We are moving out soon and have some items we want to give away on **September 29, 3pm - 7pm at 325 Rural Hill Road Suite #2.**

Items include:

- English books (to help you learn English)
- Children's books
- Fiction and nonfiction books for adults
- Constitution booklets
- Other test prep books (GED, GRE, etc)
- Filing cabinet
- Tables
- Chairs
- Desk
- One bookshelf and some smaller cabinets
- Other furniture
- Coffee maker
- Stereos, CD players
- Office supplies
- Puzzles and toy

All items are FREE. You have to come on that date and time to pick up. Not earlier or after.



Optional: Help UT Learn!

The University of Tennessee Community Registered Nurse Navigator Project aims to discover barriers to immunizations that different communities face across the state of Tennessee. Nurse Navigators work in the communities in which they live to find these unique barriers. This is where you come in!

By taking a short anonymous survey, you will help our Nurse Navigators identify needs and work towards eliminating barriers. This will help increase the strength and health of our communities in Tennessee. Thank you for your participation! For more information on our project, you can visit crrn.tennessee.edu.

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