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COFFEE, TEA & ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

Coffee, Tea & English, a conversation group for improving spoken English, will begin again Sept. 11 and run through May 2013.

We welcome those whose first language is not English and are also seeking native English speakers as volunteer facilitators to engage in group and small group conversation with our English learners for practice and cultural exchange.

Coffee, Tea & English is a place to gain confidence in your listening and speaking skills without pressure. Participants are encouraged to go at their own pace. Meetings are a time to make new friends and talk about the subjects that interest you. With fluent facilitators at each meeting, English learners can learn new expressions, practice social and practical dialogue and ask questions about language situations the pop up in daily life.

In our first season, which ran February through June 2012 we saw a diverse and dynamic group of individuals come together and share stories, questions and culture. The group also created an international remedy and cookbook called *Foods and Remedies of this Continent and That*. The year culminated in a well-attended, internationally-flavored picnic.

We hope to have another great season of Coffee, Tea & English this year.

We offer two meetings every Tuesday. The morning meeting is held from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The afternoon meeting is held from 1-2:30 p.m. In an effort to create a high comfort level, we ask that participants and native speaking volunteers choose one meeting time and attend that time each week. We will occasionally combine the two groups when we schedule special speakers or field trips.

Sign up is required by calling (607) 936-3713 or emailing chigamac@stls.org. This program is made possible by a partnership between the library, the AmeriCorps Kids First Initiative and ProAction Literacy.

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This program is supported in part by an Outreach Grant from Southern Tier Library System. The library is handicapped accessible. If you require special accommodations, please call us in advance: (607) 936-3713.

