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LIBRARY TO HOLD INTEREST MEETINGS FOR ESL CONVERSATION GROUP

The Southeast Steuben County Library, in conjunction with the AmeriCorps Kids First Initiative, is beginning a new ESL conversation group called Coffee, Tea & English, to be held twice monthly. This will be an informal, relaxed time for practicing English through conversation, with a fluent English speaker present to facilitate and help the flow of conversation.

To get the program started, the library will hold two informational meetings Saturday Jan. 21.

Meeting one is for those interested in practicing their English, and will be held at 11 a.m. The aim of the meeting is to gauge interest in the group and discover what the needs of the English-learning community are. We will begin with an adult conversation group. Parents are encouraged to come. If an interest is expressed, we will make an effort to begin a family or children's program in coordination with the adult conversation group.

The second meeting will be held at 1 p.m. This meeting is for people who are interested in facilitating a conversation group. Because this group Coffee, Tea & English is not meant to offer formal instruction, facilitators do not need to have formal training. They should have an interest in spending time with people of other cultures and conversing on a variety of topics.

It is important to note that future meetings are not necessarily going to be held on Saturdays. These initial meetings will help us determine future scheduling.

Those interested in either meeting are encouraged to call our AmeriCorps member, Tamar Samuel-Siegel at the library. If you are unable to attend the informational meeting, please call to be added to our contact list. For more information or to sign up, call (607) 936-3713 ext. 503.

