

La importancia y beneficios... The Importance and Benefits of Learning English

This article was written by an English student of Jefferson County Literacy Council and it covers the many reasons why a person living in the United States should attempt to learn English. Some of the reasons given include: We have to know English to be a success in this society where English is the language of governments, business, communication, schools and every other important field. If you are a parent it's very important to speak, write and read English to help your kids succeed in school. Knowing English will help you be up to date on your child's progress in school, understand their homework, communicate with their teachers, with their girlfriends/boyfriends, and mainly to be present and to understand all the events that they participate in. At work, even if you work surrounded by people who speak your language, you should know English to be able to communicate with your boss, read notices at work and read instructions for machinery and computers. With the high unemployment rates we've had recently, it's important to know English when looking for work. A bilingual person has an easier time finding work and can get a better paying job. Knowing English allows you to communicate with your neighbors, in stores, attend medical appointments, communicate with people in offices where you get your driver's license, do banking, read the newspaper, watch TV. We are surrounded by information in English. Don't think about it any more. Decide to do it and look for opportunities to learn and practice what English you do know. JCLC offers classes in communities in Jefferson County. For more information, call the number listed or visit them at their office.

La Secretaria de Trabajo ...Labor Secretary, Hilda Solis

This article provided by OSHA highlights the qualifications of the Secretary of Labor, who is a Latina. Some of her past accomplishments are listed along with her qualifications. OSHA has bilingual staff available in their Madison and Milwaukee offices and employees are encouraged to call if they have concerns about workplace safety or health issues.

Vísitenos en el Internet...Visit us on the internet... www.conexioneslatinas.org

Octubre el mes preventivo...October is Domestic Abuse Prevention Month

Statistics are given on how domestic violence affects people. It occurs everywhere and it doesn't matter a person's nationality, age, race, education, economic status or if you're a woman or man. If you need help or want to talk to someone the numbers are listed for agencies in each of the counties we serve. Violence also affects our youth. The number of school aged youth who are affected by abuse is rising. If you are a mother or father get involved with your kids. Be careful because many times the danger signs are hard to see.

PADA...In June PADA began collaborating with Legal Action of Wisconsin which is a non-profit organization with lawyers who can help for free. Call PADA to get more information on this program.

2007 Wisconsin Act 184

Did you know that in 2008 the legislature passed and Governor Doyle signed a law that permits victims of domestic violence to break their lease if he or she feels they are in danger by staying at the property? The victim has to prove that they are under a serious physical threat.

Caminando una Milla...Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

The YWCA of Rock County is planning a family event called "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes". This event helps raise funds for domestic violence prevention programs and sexual assault programs. For more information call the number listed.

La Nueva Forma de WIC... The New WIC: Food and Focus

After more than 30 years, the food packets from WIC are changing. Starting in August Wisconsin WIC will be sharing new foods. The new foods will help strengthen the key nutritional messages such as:

- Eat a wide variety of fruits and vegetables
- Drink low fat milk
- Eat whole grains
- Breastfeed your baby

Each bullet point is explained more fully in the rest of the article, along with more about the changes to the food packets. The phone numbers for the WIC programs in each county are given at the end of the article.

Programa para el Bienestar... Wisconsin Well Women Program

The Jefferson County Health Department coordinates this program for Jefferson County. The program provides preventive service exams for eligible, low-income women. The program pays for mammograms, Pap tests, breast exams and certain exams needed for follow-up treatment. The program is available in all 72 counties in Wisconsin. For more information, call your local Health Department.

Una Tradición Atesorada...A Treasured Tradition in the US

This article explains the background behind the tradition of celebrating Thanksgiving Day here in the US. For immigrants coming from other countries, it provides information about why we celebrate Thanksgiving and the Pilgrim story that we all learn about in school.

Calendario de eventos...Hedberg Library Calendar of events

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month – Saturday, September 19 from 2 – 4 with music and traditional food. There will be activities for children and a raffle for adults.

Family Festival – Fridays, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4 from 7 – 8 pm – Join us for stories, music, games and more. We'll have time for the family while practicing or learning Spanish. This program will be completely in Spanish. No need to register.

Day of the Dead Celebration – Sat., Oct. 24 from 2 – 4 pm – Prepare for the Day of the Dead. Learn how to make offerings, sugar skulls and masks.

Faces of the World – Sat., Nov. 14 from 2 – 4 pm – Experience the sights and sounds of world cultures right here in your library. Enjoy entertainment, crafts and snacks from countries such as Mexico, France, Japan and more.

Las Posadas – Sat., Dec. 12 from 2 – 4 pm

Experience Las Posadas in the library. Enjoy music, food and fun while learning about this traditional holiday.