



# YMCA of Three Rivers

## Informal Language Support Programs

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# English Conversation Circles

- Runs throughout the year, from January - June and September - December
- Priority given to PRs and Convention Refugees, but open to all newcomers
- In-Person Circles:
  - KPL (Central)
  - WPL (McCormick)
  - Chaplin Family YMCA (Cambridge)
  - Chandler-Mowat Community Centre (starting Jan 2025)
- Online Circles: English & French



# English Conversation Circles – Contact Information

- In-Person Circles: Fabio Roquetti
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- Online Circles: Mana Marvast
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# Summer Conversation Circle

- In-person and runs July - August, 5-6 weeks, 2 hours per session
- Registered Program - Priority is given to PRs and Convention Refugees, but open to all newcomers
- Structured curriculum focused on English practice, set topics, and engagement
- In-Person Circle: YMCA Immigrant Services office (Kitchener)
- Contact: Fabio Roquetti
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# Family Language & Learning for School-Age Children

- In-person tutoring for school-age children and teenagers in partnership with United for Literacy
- Includes English language support, particularly in reading and writing
  - 4 times a year, seven-session terms
  - Capacity of 35 students per term
- Priority is given to PRs and Convention Refugees, but other statuses can join if capacity allows
- In-Person: YMCA Immigrant Services office (Kitchener)
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# Kitchener Public Library

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# English Conversation Circles

- At each library branch in Kitchener
- Volunteer run from September to June
- Drop-in
- No eligibility requirements
- No waitlists



# English Language Learner Book Club



- Run by staff, usually fully booked (10 spots)
- No eligibility requirements – except to register and pick up the book ahead of the meeting

## Other Resources

- Literacy collections at all libraries (books, CDs, reading club book sets)
- Online resources – Mango, Mauril, EBSCO Learning Express, Road to IELTS

# KPL Contact Information

- Jingjing Xue – Librarian, Newcomer and ESL Services
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**Kitchener - Waterloo  
Multicultural Centre**

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# English Conversation Circles

- We host an English conversation circle 3-4 times a year for 8-week sessions
- No eligibility requirements, no waitlist
- We are averaging 8 people/week, but ranges from 3 to 16
- Wide range of CLB levels

# Conversational English Program

- Matches newcomers one-on-one with a trained and screened volunteer for weekly English conversations
- Eligibility requirements:
  - Permanent resident
  - Convention refugee
  - Live-in caregiver
  - Refugee claimant
  - Canadian citizen for less than 3 years
  - Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel
- Language Requirement: CLB 3 and above
- Waitlists of 1-4 months

## Contact Information

- English Conversation Circles
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- Conversational English Program – Tera Dargavel and Manal Skaf
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