



# The LARAEC Insider

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## Planning for Next Year



The LARAEC Team is starting to work on the consortium Annual Plan for the 2023-24 school year. Our aim is to provide relevant and targeted support to adult education staff and faculty that reflects our current priorities.

**We need your help!** In order to evaluate some of the key programs and your level of interest in planned activities, we've put together a short survey. (It shouldn't take more than 5 minutes!) Your responses will help us identify new priority areas that have emerged since the three-year planning process and **give us up-to-date information on what matters to you!**

Just click on the survey link:

<https://forms.gle/GLVGoHxYzLP2ZRmTA>

Thanks for all you do to make LARAEC a leading consortium in California!

## This Week's Lunch with LARAEC

**Stuff I Wish I Knew- Canva**  
Thursday, May 4, 12:30 - 1:30 PM  
Presenter: Samantha Ross - LAUSD-DACE  
On ZOOM



We welcome back advisor extraordinaire, Samantha Ross, with her feature *Stuff I Wish I Knew*. Samantha will be discussing practical tips, tidbits, tools, and timesavers that administrators, instructors, and staff can use immediately! In this week's episode she'll be talking about Canva and how you can use it to create engaging flyers.

Grab your lunch and join us! For registration and Zoom link [click here](#)

We have some great presenters lined

Lunch with...



up for our last 2 sessions of the year!

May 18 - Onboarding Strategies with the LARAEC Counseling and Transitions Team

May 25 - Super Six Survival Sites for Teaching and Learning - Presentation

by our LARAEC Remote Learning Team

For more information and registration, go to <https://laraec.org/lunchwithLARAEC/>

All Lunch with LARAEC sessions are recorded and are available for viewing at [Lunch with LARAEC](https://laraec.org/lunchwithlaraec/) go to <https://laraec.org/lunchwithlaraec/>

## Resource Spotlight



### Instructional Support Kits

Literacy Minnesota is recognized as a driving force behind the latest developments in literacy learning and focuses on making quality

literacy education available to all. They provide free literacy classes, support literacy organizations through volunteer recruitment, training and teaching tools; and creating new pathways for groups and individuals.

They have also created **free instructional support kits**. The kits are designed to make teaching easier. Each kit provides teachers with complete activity instructions and materials on a variety of topics. The kits can be used to facilitate small-group pull-outs, one-to-one tutoring, develop plans for substitute teachers, or enhance existing curriculum.

Each one of the kits is a **printable PDF** that includes:

- Instructions for assembly
- A tutor log
- Detailed instructions for a variety of activities
- Activity expansion suggestions
- Handouts and supporting materials

The different types of kits include:

**Phonics and Phonemic Awareness Kit** - The Phonics and Phonemic Awareness Kit provides a variety of activities that can be used with low-beginning to high-intermediate levels of English language learners.

**Speaking and Listening Kit** - The Speaking and Listening Kit contains a wide variety of fun and engaging activities to help learners develop verbal communication skills and gain confidence in their ability to speak both in and outside of the classroom.

**Pronunciation Kit** -.The Pronunciation Kit provides activity instructions for a wide variety of activities that focus on helping learners improve their pronunciation of English, including intonation, rhythm, and stress.

**Citizenship Kit** - The Citizenship Kit provides teachers with all of the materials that are necessary to help learners prepare for all portions of the citizenship interview, as well as activity ideas to challenge learners and keep them engaged as they study one-on-one with a tutor.

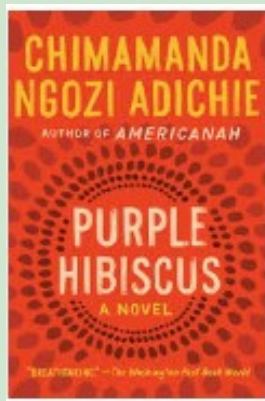
**Reading Kit** - The Reading Kit contains pre-reading activities to help learners develop their reading strategies, reading fluency activities so that learners can become more fluent and confident in how they interact with texts, and post-reading activities to increase comprehension and understanding.

To access the Literacy Minnesota support kits, [click here](#).

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## Motivation Zone

### The Power of a Single Story



Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is a Nigerian writer whose works include novels, short stories and nonfiction and is the winner of a MacArthur Fellowship. Her wonderful Ted Talk, "The Power of a Single Story" reminds us of the power of reading and learning and the importance of what a teacher can bring to students' lives.

[Ted Talk Video Link](#)

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## Professional Development

FREE In-Person Training Opportunity with OTAN

### Methods of Assessing in Google Workspace

Tuesday, May 16 10AM - 1PM at the Culver City Adult School

Within the Google EDU Workspace, the Docs and Forms apps can be used to create many different kinds of documents that collect data including surveys, intake forms, worksheets, quizzes, and other types of assessments. This session will discuss tools with Docs that can be used for assessment as well as sharing techniques and some organization tips. Forms will be then be used to guide attendees through creating, editing, and customizing Forms as well as managing, filtering and organizing responses within Sheets. All will be expected to participate in the hands-on activities during the session - handouts will be provided.

Come join our LARAEC member-district for a great morning of staff development!

For more information and to register:

<https://caadultedtraining.org/OTAN/3034?Type=16>

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To all the moms and honorary moms,



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