

Language Matters

Language Resource Center Newsletter



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If you love language exploration and cultural exchange, the LRC newsletter is for you! If you're new to the Language Resource Center, you should know we are [focused on people](#), providing resources and an inclusive space where students practice language with a tutor, hang out and study, participate in language interest groups, and attend cultural events. The LRC is part of the [Department of World Languages and Cultures](#).

The LRC has been alive with activity this fall! In this, our inaugural newsletter, we share some LRC highlights, ongoing groups, upcoming events, and ways to stay connected to all things related to language and culture.

Stay Connected

Find information about LRC groups, events, and other opportunities related to language and culture:



1. Stop by the center in ASB 240, Arts & Sciences Building, located on the main level
2. Visit the [LRC page](#) – especially check out [groups](#) and [events](#)
3. Email us: lrc@valpo.edu
4. Follow us: [lrc_valpo](#)

Language Exploration Interest Groups

The LRC's informal language exploration groups are led entirely by students. Other regular groups include conversation tables and mahjong. Faculty and staff are welcome to participate, and beginners are invited to all groups, no matter your experience!

[More about groups](#)



Mondays	• Spanish Table @ 3 • Japanese @ 5:30
Tuesdays	• French Table @ 3:30 (biweekly) • Korean @ 4:30 • Spanish for Health Care @ 8
Wednesdays	• Inklish Literary Society @ 3:30 • ASL @ 7
Thursdays	• Korean @ 4:30
Fridays	• Spanish Table @ 12:45 • Mahjong @ 3:30

Upcoming LRC Events

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| • Pointillism Painting | Nov 13, 7 pm – Core approved |
| • Las Posadas | Nov 29, 4 pm – Core approved |
| • Gingerbread Decorating | Nov 30, 5:30 pm |
| • Bûche de Noël Decorating | Dec 5, 5:30 pm |

[More about upcoming events](#)

Tutors for French, German, and Spanish

Free tutoring in French, German, and Spanish is available to all Valpo students. LRC tutors guide you in your language practice, whether that's conversation, reading, grammar, or cultural exploration. Conversation practice is a great way to prepare for study abroad. And you don't have to be taking a class to practice with a tutor. [Make an appointment](#)





Allison Howard '24, a leader of languages

Have you met Allison, the student leader of our [Korean Interest Group](#)? Allison has done a stellar job this fall leading Korean, bringing together a strong cohort of enthusiastic students, and Prof. Hoult (Spanish) too. "I have really enjoyed the people in my group! They all make the group fun to lead and make it much easier to teach Korean." Allison's interest in Korean began in Korean Dramas: "I have always liked K-dramas and because I don't speak Korean, I have to sit and read the subtitles. So I knew it was necessary for me to understand Korean." Allison will graduate this spring with degrees in International Relations and Chinese and Japanese Studies. She plans to attend law school, and is currently submitting her applications. Thank you to Allison and all of our students who lead LRC language groups!

Elephant Talk - English Conversation

Attention English language learners . . . Do you want to practice conversational English? We need a few English language learners for Elephant Talk. Currently, we have several native English speakers eager to participate in this LRC program (as volunteers, this is not a class). We pair native speakers and English learners for informal, one-on-one English conversation and cultural exchange. [Sign up](#)

Linguistic Diversity at Valpo

Other than English, what language(s) do you know, even at a novice level? At the LRC Open House (photo highlights below), we invited students to add to our "I speak..." board. What a diverse collection of languages!

This fall, the LRC invited faculty and staff to share what language(s) they know other than English, and the results are in. For those faculty and staff members who completed the [Lingua Valpo survey](#), we learned that 20 different languages are represented on our campus, including American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Georgian, Hungarian, Italian, Russian, Turkish, and Portuguese, among many others including French, German, and Spanish.

[Learn more about Lingua Valpo](#)



LRC Open House 2023

We hosted a great gathering of students, faculty, and staff for our September 13th Open House. Even though we missed Coach Padilla this year, everyone had a great time and the DIY quesadillas were a favorite. We look forward to hosting again next fall!



“Do you know what a foreign accent is? It’s a sign of bravery.” – Amy Chua, author

Connect and Collaborate

The LRC is always eager to deepen connections with people and units across campus. For more information about the LRC, or to talk about potential collaborations, contact Carol Goss, LRC Director, at carol.goss@valpo.edu.