



English classes on tap at cultural center

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Reading; speaking and listening; grammar; and writing are the cornerstones for four English as a Second Language classes being offered by the Naperville Cultural Center in November.

"In all four courses, all four of these areas will be addressed," instructor Erin Bartolotta said, adding specific classes in each area allow for a greater focus on one skill. "I'm hoping to broaden what students are exposed to in typical ESL classes."

Examining cultures and cultural differences will be a big part of each lesson. Students will work as a group on a community-based project.

"The options are really wide open," Bartolotta said. "It's very dependent on the students and the needs in the language."

Potential examples are listed as making a book for family and friends or creating a cross-cultural activities fair.

Creativity will also play a role, especially in the poetry writing sessions, she said.

"It's really important for learners to be able to find their own voice in a language," Bartolotta said. "One way to find it is to be more creative with that language."

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Four English as a Second Language classes are being offered at the Naperville Cultural Center on Fridays and Saturdays in November. All courses last eight weeks and cost \$80. Call (630) 696-4177.
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