



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

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February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is rich with meaning and reflection. It is a time to celebrate Black History Month - honoring the achievements, contributions, and resilience of Black leaders, educators, innovators, and community members whose work has shaped our nation and continues to inspire progress, equity, and opportunity through education.

Valentine's Day reminds us of the importance of connection showing appreciation for family, friends, classmates, instructors, and the personal goals we are working toward. Presidents' Day invites reflection on leadership, perseverance, and the role education plays in strengthening our communities and democracy.

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CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH



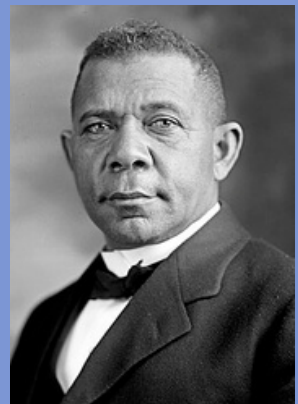
Mary McLeod Bethune

Mary McLeod Bethune was a pioneering educator and civil rights leader. She founded the Daytona Literary and Industrial School for Training Negro Girls, which later became Bethune-Cookman University. Bethune dedicated her life to improving educational opportunities for African American girls and women. She also served as an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was a founding member of the National Council of Negro Women. Bethune's tireless advocacy for education and civil rights has left an enduring legacy. Her work continues to inspire efforts to promote educational equity and empowerment for all.



Booker T. Washington

Booker T. Washington was an influential educator, author, and advisor to several presidents. He was the founder of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute (now Tuskegee University) in Alabama. Washington believed in the power of education to uplift African Americans and advocated for vocational training as a means of economic independence and empowerment. Through his leadership at Tuskegee, Washington played a crucial role in advancing education for African Americans in the post-Reconstruction era. His work helped lay the foundation for future generations of African American educators and leaders.



Neil deGrasse Tyson

Neil deGrasse Tyson is an American astrophysicist, author, and science communicator. Tyson studied at Harvard University, the University of Texas at Austin, and Columbia University. After studying at Harvard University, he earned his doctorate from Columbia University in 1991. Tyson went to work for the Hayden Planetarium in 1996 before becoming its director. Additionally, he has served as host of NOVA Science Now and the StarTalk Radio podcast. Tyson remains a popular TV science expert today.

In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed the astrophysicist to a commission on the future of the aerospace industry. Tyson also served another commission three years later to examine U.S. policy on space exploration.



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UPCOMING ENRICHMENT CLASSES IN FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 4

Creative Writing (Online)

FEBRUARY 4

Intro to American Sign Language
(In-Person - Litchfield)

FEBRUARY 18

Intro to Digital Photography
(In-Person - Torrington)

FEBRUARY 21

Intro to Holistic Healing
(Online)

FEBRUARY 25

10 Keys To Estate Planning
(In-Person - Torrington)

FEBRUARY 25

iPhone Basics: Security
Features (Online)



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ONLINE TRAINING

Through the Global Compliance Network (GCN) via EdAdvance Adult & Continuing Education



A LIFESAVER FOR DISTRICT AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS!

So many mandated topics to cover, and so little time. The Global Compliance Network (GCN) unlimited tutorial license can help you efficiently address important and timely topics for all staff, including administrators, teachers, paraprofessionals, and maintenance personnel.

The GCN portal serves as a one-stop resource for Connecticut State Mandated Anti-Bullying (26 minutes) and Sexual Harassment Prevention (2-hour) trainings, along with many other topics relevant to your staff.

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You can easily integrate the tutorials into staff meetings, use them in group settings, or assign them for independent completion during duty time (please consult your teachers' union). The system can generate certificates and track completion for each participant, and all tutorials are available on-demand, 24/7.

GCN's tutorials cover a wide range of OSHA, HR, and Professional Development topics. Each tutorial meets the minimum compliance standards mandated by state and federal laws and is regularly updated to ensure accuracy and relevance.

TRENDING TOPICS:

- Anti-Bullying | Cyber Bullying
- Sexual Harassment
- Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Awareness in Schools
- Workplace Violence
- School Safety
- Social Emotional Learning
- Suicide Prevention
- Teen Dating Violence
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Concussion Training
- Effective Leadership
- FMLA

Many
more!

GETTING STARTED IS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

GCN is designed to be intuitive and user-friendly, so you can begin using it quickly and efficiently. Reach out to learn more about our affordable pricing options, which are based on the number of users, and discover how simple the setup process is. We're happy to walk you through the features, answer any questions, and ensure you get the most out of GCN from day one.

**To learn more, contact Ray Byron, Director of Adult Education,
at (860) 567-0863 x1186 or byron@edadvance.org.**

NORTHWEST CAREER FAIR

Join Us for a Career Hiring Event!

- Meet directly with hiring managers from a wide range of industries
- Explore full-time, part-time, and flexible employment opportunities
- Connect with employers hiring across the Northwest Region
- Take the next step toward your career



Wednesday

February 4, 2026



Time

11.00 AM - 2.00 PM



Kitching's Regional Learning Center
215 Hogan Drive
Torrington, CT 06790



Bring copies of your current resume & dress professionally!



February 4th, 2026

11am-2pm



MAKE IT HERE
CT JOB FAIRS



Torrington American Job Center
EdAdvance Regional Learning Center
215 Hogan Drive
Torrington, CT

JOB FAIR

**Pre-registration
not required**

Building Bridges to Your Career



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Pre-registration not required. You will register during
check-in on the day of the event.

[Click here for list of employers](#)

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NORTHWEST REGIONAL
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Northwest Region American Job Center Affiliate

February 2026 Events Calendar

Torrington Career Center | 215 Hogan Drive, Torrington | (475) 233-4001

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To register for a DOL workshop >

<https://ctdol.jotform.com/CT1/requestemploymentservices> or call 203-437-3380!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Interviewing Strategies & Techniques DOL 9-11:30am Career ConneCT & Good Jobs Challenge Orientation In Person at Waterbury AJC 249 Thomaston Ave. Wtby 11:00-12:00 To register – email wade@careerresources.org	3 Fundamentals of Resume Writing DOL 9-11:30am	4 Successful Job Search Strategies DOL 9-11:30pm <i>"New Year, New Career" Career Fair 11am-2pm In Person 215 Hogan Drive, Torrington</i>	5 ~NW Construction Careers 10-10:30 Call (203) 574-6971 ext. 446 to register	6 LinkedIn DOL 9-11:30 Career Advancement Info Session 9:00-10:00 - Email info@nrwib.org to register Building Healthy Relationships CRI- 10-11:30 - Contact Shakira Wade 203-574-6971 x 429
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NW AJC February 2026 Calendar

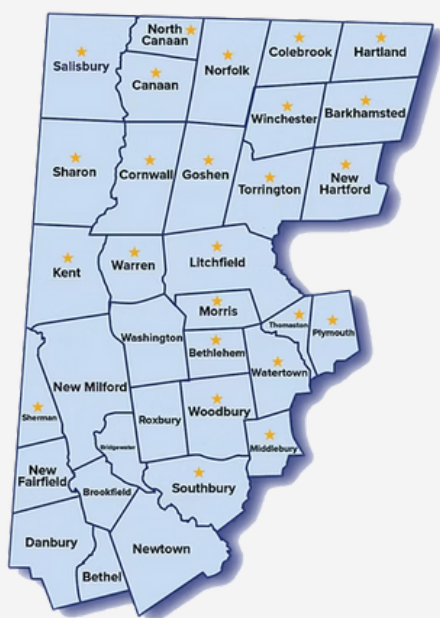
Workshop Calendar Descriptions





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Region #15: Middlebury, Southbury

Region #20: Goshen, Litchfield, Morris, Warren

Hartland

Plymouth/Terryville

Sherman

Thomaston

Torrington

Watertown

Winchester/Winsted

Academic & Enrichment Course Locations

Location	ABE	ESL	Citizenship	GED® Prep	CDP	Enrichment
EdAdvance Kitching Regional Learning Center (Torrington)		X	X	X	X	X
Housatonic Valley Regional High School (Falls Village)		X				X
CT State Northwestern Community College (Winsted)		X		X		
United Church of Christ (Southbury)		X				
Vogel-Wetmore School (Torrington)		X				
Watertown High School		X		X	X	X
Online	X	X	X	X		X

