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STUDENT INTERVIEW

This time ERC student staff answered three questions about ERC jobs. Let's check their English experience in the ERC!

Why did you choose to work in the English Resource Center?

- I wanted to use English regularly somewhere, and just then, I found ERC staff.
- Some senior students recommended me to work here.
- I thought I could get a chance to talk with English teachers.
- I was interested in ERC's work and I was recommended to working.
- I wanted to try to work in the ERC. I didn't have confidence of my English, but Mr. Campbell sent me an e-mail and invited me.
- I wanted to gain my speaking ability.

What do you enjoy doing in the ERC?

- Mr. Hill gives me many things to do, so I am doing them. For example, putting the tape on books, watching books which look interesting for me. Everything doing in the ERC is English, so I can enjoy everything.
- Helping people and teachers' conversation.
- ERC has monthly and annual events such as Christmas and travel talk. Sometimes we can organize those events.
- I liked labeling non-fiction books with colored tape because I could know what kind of books are in the ERC. And I borrowed the ones I liked.
- The most enjoyable thing in the ERC is that I can speak English without being shy. Recently, I

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speak more fluently little by little, so now I can feel more enjoyable than when I started here.

What can you say about your English experience in the ERC?

- I got experience to think in English, and it is helpful for TOEFL and other speaking test.

- Working in the ERC is not very difficult, and you can enjoy conversation with many people by using English. I think it is really good experience to use English regularly, and you can feel that your English skill is maintained, or getting better. It's really fun! ☺

- We have much talk with teachers for work, and it is good experience for listening and speaking. In addition, I think my brain has area of English during ERC work because English is one part of life for staff. I don't think I could describe well, I believe that feeling is powerful weapon for you.

- When I am working in the ERC, I can hear English regularly, so I think my listening ability is improving little by little. Speaking with the English teachers is very interesting for me because I don't speak English so much in daily life. I want to work here as long as I can.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

ERC had a Christmas party last year. Chihiro Suzuki, who is 2nd year student, gave her comments for the party:

Many people came to that party: Japanese, Sri Lankan, Chinese, African, American, and Mexican. We had many delicious dishes. These were cooked by teachers. I especially liked

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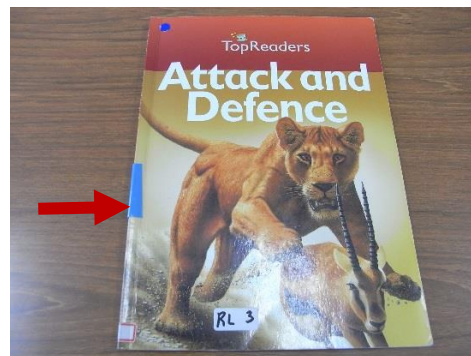
pudding cake and marshmallow wreath because I like something sweet. After we ate dishes, we exchanged our presents. I brought chocolate and candy. We were playing music and exchanging each present. When the music stopped, we stopped to exchange presents. I got an eraser. That shape was strange. The shape expresses human evolution. One side is human but the other side is ape. The shape gradually changes from ape to human. I was happy to get the present. At this party, I could talk with many people so it was very fantastic time. Come to ERC and join Christmas party next year with us!



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NON-FICTION BOOKS

At the end of 2016, we moved non-fiction books that have Moodle quizzes. They were on a table. Now the table is gone, and the fiction and non-fiction books are mixed together on the rotating book racks. That gives students more space to look for books. To make it easier to find non-fiction books, each one now has colored tape on the side. (*See the colored table below with RL number and tape color.*) When you look for non-fiction books, please check the side of them. Non-fiction books have a lot of categories, for example, biography, science, culture, sports and



Side view of books with blue tape for non-fiction and no tape for fiction books.