



# Aphasia Resource Center



## Summer Session 2026

June 1, 2026 – August 6, 2026

*Some groups will be held **online** via Zoom, and some groups will be held **in person**. If you plan to attend our online sessions, high speed internet and the use of a laptop, desktop computer or tablet is recommended for the best experience. Parking may be available during **in person** groups for those who need it.*

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*Registration Deadline: Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

# Registration

The **Aphasia Resource Center** is pleased to announce the Summer 2026 Program. We will offer both **in person** and **online** sessions.

## Enrollment

You may request enrollment by completing the separate registration form.

- Forms can be completed and sent by email to [aphasiacenter@bu.edu](mailto:aphasiacenter@bu.edu)
- You may also register by phone at (617) 353 – 0197: Leave a message with your name, contact information and group selection(s).

## Deadline

- Registration request forms **MUST** be received by **Monday May 11, 2026** for full consideration.

## Requirements for Participation: Online Groups

For **online** participation, members must have access to email, as well as Zoom with video and audio.

## Placement and Confirmation

Group enrollment numbers will be strictly limited to preserve the quality of the treatment, and to maintain safety regulations. Requests will be reviewed to determine appropriateness of each individual for the requested group(s). Registration requests received after the deadline will be assigned on a first come, first served basis while space is available.

If you wish to enroll in more than one group, please **RANK** the groups according to your preference. Please also indicate the **TOTAL** number of groups you would like to take. Places will be assigned based on your preference and clinical appropriateness.

We encourage you to request as many groups as you wish; however, **registration requests are not a guarantee of enrollment**. You will receive confirmation of enrollment with your group placement no later than Monday, May 20, 2026. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact the center.

## New Referrals

To help us provide the best possible care, we ask that all new referrals send a recent evaluation report from another facility along with your application.

## Faculty:

Jerry Kaplan, M.A., CCC-SLP      Sarah Vitale, M.S., CCC-SLP      Emily Senecal, M.S., CCC-SLP

## Note about Online and In Person Groups

Information about joining online groups with Zoom will be shared after group confirmations have been sent out. Please note that **in person** groups and **online** groups will be held separately. Descriptions below will indicate if the group will be held **in person** or **online**.

## Parking

If you *require* parking close to the building, please indicate this on your registration form with the **make** and **model** of your car as well as your **license plate number**.

*Limited space is available* in our parking area located behind the building. Instruction on how to access the lot will be sent via email prior to the start of the program. Otherwise, there is a drop off location at the front of our building at 635 Commonwealth Avenue as well as metered parking along Commonwealth Ave.

# Monday Groups

## Monday Morning Groups

### Toastmasters

Online

This group will focus on communicating effectively when speaking in groups. It is modeled after Toastmasters International, whose philosophy is to learn by doing in a supportive environment. Group Members will share stories and experiences on a variety of topics and will provide feedback to each other. Specific strategies in areas such as organization, eye contact, use of notes, and visual materials will be provided. The goal is to enable the storyteller/speaker to more effectively communicate in group speaking situations.

**Meeting time:** Mondays, 10:30–11:45 am

**Faculty:** Jerome Kaplan

### Non- Fiction Book Club

In person

This version of book club will meet to discuss the content and themes from a non-fiction text. The book will be selected by the group members from several current best-seller choices. Group members may read the text or listen to an audio version. Varied supports will be provided to facilitate reading, comprehension and retention of the text and assist participants as they discuss the book.

**Meeting time:** Mondays, 10:30–11:45 am

**Faculty:** Emily Senecal

## Monday Afternoon Groups

### Storytelling Group

Online

We all have stories to share. Aphasia should not be a barrier to sharing them. The Storytelling Group is for people who want to share personal stories. You are welcome to have a "co-storyteller" assist you. Your motivation, enthusiasm, and commitment are the essentials to successful storytelling. Join us!

**Meeting time:** Mondays, 1:00 –2:15 pm

**Faculty:** Jerome Kaplan

### Language Games

In person

This group will focus on different aspects of language (naming, discourse, gestures, reading and writing) through involvement in different types of age-appropriate games. Games will be chosen on a weekly basis by group consensus to facilitate group members' communication goals. Group members will also be encouraged to suggest and teach favorite games.

**Meeting time:** Mondays, 1:00–2:15 pm

**Faculty:** Emily Senecal

# Tuesday Groups

## Conversation

**In person**

This group will address functional communication through talking, gesturing, drawing, and writing. Drawing upon our experiences and interests, participants will practice using effective strategies to exchange ideas and develop connections through communication. This group will also feature exercises in poetry writing, as poetry can be a very effective means of expression with aphasia.

**Meeting time:** Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:45 am

**Faculty:** Sarah Vitale

## Toastmasters

**In person**

This is an in person version of the Monday group again focusing on communicating effectively when speaking in groups. It is the original version of the group modeled after Toastmasters International, whose philosophy is to learn by doing in a supportive environment. Group Members will share stories and experiences on a variety of topics and will provide feedback to each other. Specific strategies in areas such as organization, eye contact, use of notes, and visual materials will be provided. The goal is to enable the storyteller/speaker to more effectively communicate in group speaking situations.

**Meeting time:** Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

**Faculty:** Sarah Vitale

## Family Support Group

**Online**

The Family Support Group with Celina Mark is an ongoing support group which meets online on **Tuesdays at 11am**. Family members of loved ones living with aphasia meet to discuss concerns offer support to each other. Those who are interested should contact Celina directly: [sheila.correamar@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.correamar@gmail.com)

# Wednesday Groups

## Wednesday Morning Groups

### Talk of the Town!

**In Person**

Many of us enjoy reading or watching the news. In this group, we will practice sharing thoughts and ideas as we discuss current events taking place locally as well as around the world. Together, we will read and/or watch news articles and discuss these current events. Each meeting, we will also focus a portion of the discussion on at least one positive news story. Participants should understand spoken or written language at a paragraph level.

**Meeting time:** Wednesday, 10:30 – 11:45 pm

**Faculty:** Emily Senecal

# Thursday Groups

## Thursday Morning Groups

### Fiction Book Club

Online

This group meets to discuss the content and ideas generated through reading a fiction text. The “book” is ~300 pages in length and is chosen by the group members from a choice of 4-5 offered texts. Group members may read the text or listen to an audio version. We will read a book together over the course of the semester and we will provide supports to help understand and integrate the plot. Everyone gets time to speak, share and work on individual goals in a supportive environment. This is a place to (re) engage in reading for pleasure and share the ideas that come from a good book.

**Meeting time:** Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:45am

**Faculty:** Sarah Vitale

## Thursday Afternoon Groups

### Movies

Online

This group will feature both classic and contemporary movies and documentaries, including silent movies. Participants will receive links to movies and documentaries to watch at home. During each session, we will watch specific scenes and discuss the plot, characters, relationships, and other aspects of the movie. Movie suggestions from group members are encouraged.

**Meeting time:** Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

**Faculty:** Sarah Vitale

# Group Meeting Dates

## Monday Groups Meeting Dates

June 1 ( <i>First day of Monday groups</i> )	July 6
June 8	July 13
June 15	July 20
June 22	July 27
June 29	August 3

## Tuesday Groups Meeting Dates

June 2 ( <i>First day of Tuesday groups</i> )	July 7
June 9	July 14
June 16	July 21
June 23	July 28
June 30	August 4

## Wednesday Groups Meeting Dates

June 3 ( <i>First day of Wednesday groups</i> )	July 8
June 10	July 15
June 17	July 22
June 24	July 29
July 1	August 5

## Thursday Groups Meeting Dates

June 4 ( <i>First day of Thursday groups</i> )	July 9
June 11	July 16
June 18	July 23
June 25	July 30
July 2	August 6

# Aphasia Community Group

## *Saturday Group*

Now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year, the Aphasia Community Group provides education, support, socialization, and resources for those whose lives have been touched by aphasia and related disorders.

Presentations on treatment, recreation, community and family support are offered by group members and guests. In the last portion of each session, the group is divided into smaller “breakout” sessions to share ideas, feelings, and concerns.

*The ACG is currently offering **online** sessions on the dates listed below. We will send email announcements about these online sessions with the zoom link information.*

**Meeting time:** Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Faculty:** Jerome Kaplan












### **Saturday Meeting Dates**

May 16	June 27
May 30	July 11
June 13	July 25



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Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
10:30am-11:45 am	 Toastmasters (Jerome Kaplan) <b>Online</b>  Non-Fiction Book Club (Emily Senecal) <b>In Person</b>	 Conversation (Sarah Vitale) <b>In Person</b>	 Talk of the Town ( Emily Senecal ) <b>In Person</b>	 Fiction Book Club (Sarah Vitale) <b>Online</b>	<b>Aphasia Community Group</b>
11:45am-1:00 pm	 Lunch				 <small>Aphasia</small>
1:00pm-2:15 pm	 Storytelling (Jerome Kaplan) <b>Online</b>  Language Games (Emily Senecal) <b>In Person</b>	 Toastmasters (Sarah Vitale) <b>In Person</b>		 Movies (Sarah Vitale) <b>Online</b>	May 16, 30 June 13, 27 July 11, 25

