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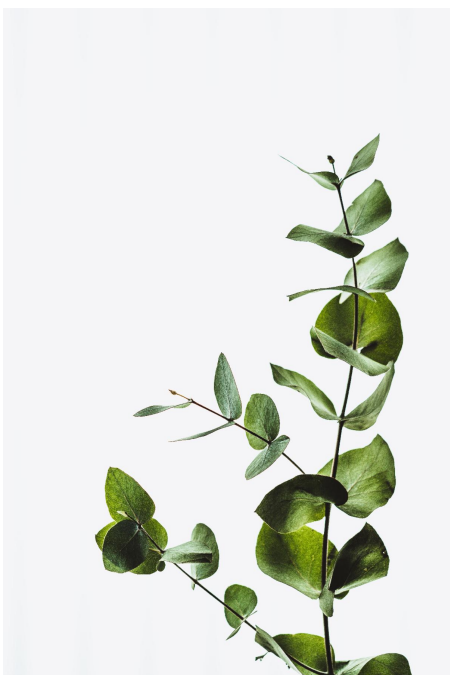
The ESOL Tutor Newsletter



May 2022

Upcoming Events

See what's happening this [month](#).



Hi Everyone,

It is May! May is a transitional month for us as we head into summer.

We will hold an Annual Spring Appeal once again this year. Stay tuned for more information, and help us spread the word.

There is a lot going on so hopefully there is something of interest to you.

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New Tutors

The following are new ESOL tutors who currently in a training session that will end in May. We are thrilled to have them and you may see some of them at our May events.

Dianne, Kelly, Brenda, Wayne, Ines, Nathan, Joan, Donna, Ruth, Sara, Martha, Hadley, Vanessa, Karen, and Joan.

Upcoming Events

Tutor Time - Wednesday, May 11, 6:30-7:30pm

This month Tutor Time will consist of office hours from 6:30-7:00pm. Staff will provide a brief update on happenings at Literacy and discuss challenges and successes you are having with your students and provide suggestions from the collective knowledge of the group. We will also do a quick demonstration of Microsoft's Immersive Reader functionality in Ellii (previously named ESL Library).

At 7:00pm, the tutors in-training will join us and the in-service tutors can share advice with the new tutors. We tried this with the last tutor training session and it was very well received.

Virtual Pronunciation Workshop - Wednesday, May 18, 6:30-8:30PM

Many tutors have asked for help teaching English pronunciation. We are excited to announce that Eric Shuel, an ELL teacher at Stoughton High School, will present. You may recall that Eric did an extremely informative workshop on Teaching Intermediate Level ELL students earlier this year.

The workshop will be recorded in case you can't make the presentation and tutors from the other LVM (Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts) affiliates will be invited as well.

In-person Tutor/Student Social Hour: Tuesday, May 24, 1:00-3:00PM

Wahoo! With the nicer weather arriving, our May Social Hour will be in-person, outside in the Framingham Library Learning Yard.

The social hours are a fun way to meet others while doing an icebreaker activity. You may want to invite your student(s) or classes if you have them. We do send students a separate email invitation as well so they may mention the invite to you.

We will relocate to the Costin Room if the weather doesn't cooperate.

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For Tutors

May Holidays

Literacy Unlimited and the libraries (Framingham and Natick) will be closed from Saturday, May 28 through Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Call for Advisory Board members

Do you love tutoring at Literacy Unlimited and support our mission to promote literacy in Framingham and MetroWest? Join the Advisory Board and our collection of devoted tutors and students.

The Advisory Board meets approximately six times a year and supports the coordinator with input and helps out with special events (e.g. Zoom community events, student registration).

Call for experts, hobbyists, and storytellers

We want to offer special interest evenings in our new series: *Share, Learn, Grow*, on Zoom (scroll down to see our May event). Tutors, students, staff, and all friends of Literacy Unlimited can present a variety of topics, such as:

- Demonstrate how to cook a favorite dish
- Present a photo tour about an awesome place you've visited
- Describe your immigrant experience or lead a discussion group

These events could be anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours depending on the subject matter. Each evening will be free of charge (although participants will have the opportunity to make a donation to Literacy Unlimited if they wish).

Contact Elyse at fplmail4@minlib.net if interested in Advisory Board or sharing a special interest!

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For Students (and Tutors!)

Share, Learn, Grow: Bird Watching with Edie

On **Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00pm** we will host the second night in our new community series. *Share, Learn, Grow* offers learning opportunities for tutors and their students provided in a fun, social atmosphere and are another way for our students to hear and practice English.



Tutor Edie's "share" is going to be about monitoring bluebird nesting boxes and citizen scientist activities regarding sending data to a large database at Cornell. She has done it for years and has some interesting stories to tell. Edie will also explain how individuals can participate in the program.

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Annual Testing

We are testing students in May and June and have reached out to them with a Google form (available in 4 languages) to schedule their testing time. We ask all students to complete an annual English assessment with us. Massachusetts requires literacy programs throughout the state to test their students every year. The test scores will have no impact on your or your student.

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Last Word

We have several new students from Ukraine and we are expecting more in the days, weeks, and months to come. Laurie Christie (Natick Library Literacy Site Coordinator) recently participated in a roundtable discussion with 3 Ukrainians who answered questions, gave insight, and shared the struggle of the people of Ukraine during the current invasion and historically.

One of the participants, Iryna, who is from Ukraine and used to be involved with Literacy Unlimited, has found a way to help through Sunflower of Peace based in Boston. Below is a link to the Sunflower of Peace Amazon wish list of medical supplies that are needed.

Laurie said that as part of the discussion she saw pictures of the backpacks with the medical supplies on the ground in Ukraine and the grateful faces of the recipients. If you would like to make a donation,

click on the link below. It is a safe, fairly simple way to make an impact.

Here is the Amazon wish list Iryna talked about:

https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/Is/18PSKVYA8MAVR/ref=smi_ext_Ink_Icl_cl

And here's Sunflower of Peace's website:

<https://www.sunflowerofpeace.com/>

Thank you for reading to the end and we hope that you can join us for at least one of the activities in May. And as always, please reach out to us if you have a question or a suggestion.

Elyse, Laurie, Karen, LieHua, and Marjie

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