

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

August/September, 2022



Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

As you know, we are muddling along without a coordinator. The coordinator job description is close to being finalized and I expect it will be posted soon. Yay! If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying for the position, let us know fplmail4@minlib.net or 508 532 5574.

Guess Who is Back?

Yes, Anne O'Connell has returned to the Literacy office to work on a few projects. And she wants to catch up - especially to know what you have all been doing this summer! What books have you been reading (or have you started to read...)? Where have you been in your travels? What music / shows / connections have you heard or made? Please complete the following mini survey and we will share the results in the next Newsy!

Literacy Unlimited and Library Closings in August/September

The libraries (Framingham and Natick) will be closed every Sunday during the summer.

Thursday, September 1 Literacy Unlimited will be closed.

Friday, September 2 (Framingham Main and McAuliffe) will be closed for staff training.

Monday, September 5 the libraries will be closed for Labor Day.

Good to Know – For Tutors

A Fun Lesson:

It is that time of the year for Farmers' Markets. Tim, one of our tutors, suggested that these are a great way to teach vocabulary and healthy eating and to get outside and enjoy the weather.

Framingham Farmer's Market: Thursdays, 3 – 7:00 pm Centre Common

Natick farmer's Market: Saturdays 9 – 1:00 pm Natick Common

Student Testing

We are sending an email to students who we were unable to test in May/June and requesting that they schedule a time for a test. Tests can be completed in-person or remotely. Please let your students know that we are required to test all students at least once a year and encourage them to schedule a test time that is convenient. One option is schedule their test during the time you meet for tutoring.

Ellii Blog

If you didn't see it, the Ellii blog (Articles) included the following topics which you may find interesting:

Accessibility: Supporting English Learners with Dyslexia

6 Ways to Support English Learners from Refugee Backgrounds

Tutor Training – Fall 2022

There will be a new Tutor Information session on Wednesday, August 24 at 6:00 pm both in-person and on Zoom. If you know someone who you think might be interested in becoming a tutor, please have them contact us at fplmail4@minlib.net or 508 532 5574. There will be both in-person and remote trainings starting in early September.

Tutor Time

In case you are wondering, we are not scheduling any new Tutor Times. If there is something you would like to learn about, let us know. We will either get back to you individually or schedule a Tutor Time if we think there might be broad interest.

English is Messy – A NYT Opinion Article

If you ever tried to explain to someone why English is so hard to learn and teach, attached is an article that you may find fun and interesting. Kathy, one of our tutors, shared this with us and we think you might enjoy reading it.

Good to Know – For Students

We are happy to continue our In-person Low Beginner English classes. If you know of a student, or if your student knows of someone who would like to attend, please let them know about these classes. This is a drop in class so no registration is required.

Wednesdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Low Beginner English Class – Drop in

Wednesdays 10:00 am – 11:00 am Low Beginner English Class – Drop in (**starts September 14th**)

Last Word

If you read this email to end thank-you! If you completed the survey, thank-you, thank-you!

I will be on vacation starting August 31 and returning on September 12. While I am out Liehua, Marjie and Anne will be keeping the lights on so to speak.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and, if you haven't already, take some time to rest and relax.

Karen, Laurie, Liehua, and Marjie