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Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

Whew, it is hot outside but nice and cool here in Literacy. Thank you all who had a meal at Panera Bread on Thursday, July 27th. We are waiting for the fundraiser's results, but we saw many of you at the café! We will share the outcome once we receive the news from Panera.

We really hope you can join us for some of our August planned activities. Read on.

General Information

Tutor Survey – Check Your Email and Spam folders after August 15

We will be sending all tutors a short survey this month. The purpose of the survey is to:

- Update your contact information
- Find out what you think are the best ways to communicate with you and how we can best support your tutoring activities
- Help us plan future events

This survey is a follow-up to the Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts (LVM) survey that was conducted last fall. The results of that survey are on the Literacy Unlimited website here: [Tutor Survey FY 2022](#)

Yard Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, August 19 9:00am - 2:00pm

Do you have "stuff" around your home that you would like to donate to our fundraiser? We are interested in gently used kitchenware, small home décor items, seasonal goods, games and toys, sporting goods, backpacks and purses, clothing items, baby items, glassware and tools. We can't accept large appliances, automobile parts, construction materials, damaged furniture,

flammable materials, food, infant products, mattresses, computers, tablets, phones, TV and computer monitors and weapons. Not sure if you can donate something? – contact us fplmail4@minlib.net or 508 532 5574.

Donated items can be dropped off at the Literacy Center the week of August 14.

Mood/Vision Board Tutor and Student Activity Pictures

The feedback for this event was very positive with several participants requesting that we host another similar event. So we saved the magazines, the glue sticks, etc. and plan to do it again. Want to check it out – see the pictures here on our website: [Events](#)

Clerical Assistant Position is Filled

We are thrilled to announce that Marjie Solomon has accepted the clerical assistant position. Marjie has been a volunteer tutor for almost six years. She has volunteered in the Literacy office for many of those years and has helped with several conversation classes. She will be a great addition to our permanent part-time staff. She is also a member of the Framingham Friends of the Library Board, an organization we work closely with to source books and new tutors.

Summer Intern

The library assigned us an intern for the month of August and we couldn't be happier. Next time you stop by the office, meet Beatriz, she is a sophomore at Ashland High School and she will work Mon-Fri 9 AM-1 PM.

Good to Know – For Tutors

Professional Development Workshop – Tuesday, August 8 6:00pm Framingham Library – Costin Room

The Simple View of Reading: Not so Simple with Robin Danzak

In this workshop, participants discover the many component skills of successful reading and are guided through what these skills are and how they interact. Participants then engage with evidence-based strategies for how to teach these skills. Let us know if you are coming to this workshop by replying to this email or to: fplmail4@minlib.net

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Literacy Unlimited Tutor Resources Reorganization – Join Us on August 8 for Cookies

Michelle, Marjie, and several tutor and student volunteers (Denise, Tetiana, Valerie, Maria, Bonnie, Lisa, Naia, and Qwynn) have been very busy sorting and organizing the many books we have as resources for tutoring and conversation classes. Come see us on August 8 anytime between 10:00am to 6:00pm to see what they have been up to. We will have cookies to

celebrate the completion of this project and are excited to show you all the hardcopy resources that you can borrow and use for your lessons.

Tutor Training

We are always looking for new tutors. If you know someone who you think would make a good tutor, please have them contact us. The next tutor training session starts on August 10. It will run on six consecutive Thursday nights from 6:00 – 8:30pm and will meet at the Framingham Library in the Costin Room. New tutors have to register with us to attend.

Tutor and Student Activity

CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Survey to Allocate Federal Resources

The city of Framingham is administering an anonymous survey to get responses from its population regarding the allocation of Federal Resources. Tutors and students can answer the survey. The survey is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. We have printed copies in the Literacy area and in the cubicles and digital copies are attached to this email. This is a great way for you and your students to raise your voice and point out the biggest needs of this community. The surveys will be collected by the city during the first week in September. You can find out more about the CDBG here: [CDBG](#)

Tutor and Student Pair Accomplishments – You Rock!!!!

Tim and Liliane - Tim and Liliane started working together this spring. Liliane just got a work permit and is looking for a job. In the meantime, she has been helping us out by working on the tutor survey. *July 2023*

Suzanne and Elena - This pair was just recently matched and met for the first time at the Morse Institute Library in Natick. And with no time to waste, they got Elena a library card. *July 2023*

Shellie and Fabiana - Shellie just published the book “Under the Garden Gate”. Fabiana and her daughter enjoyed reading the book very much! If you want to check it out, please visit [Home - Under the Garden Gate](#). You can also stop by the library (children’s department) on 8/2 at 11 AM. Shellie is reading her book to our little patrons-Let your students know, they may want to bring their children to the reading. *July 2023*

Janet and Lili - Lili just got a new job as a teacher assistant at a daycare in Sudbury. Janet and Lili have been working together since March 2023 and Lily has improved her English skills considerably. *July 2023*

Last Word

Hey did you know we are on Instagram? Michelle periodically posts pictures of goings on here at Literacy. You can follow us as LVM_LiteracyUnlimited.

Thank-you for reading to the end and we hope we will see you soon at the Library or at one or more of our August events.

Have a great day,

Karen, Michelle, Laurie, and Marjie