

## "Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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### Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and all the good things that go with it.

### General Information



#### **Jack's Abby Neighbor Night Fundraiser and Social Event – August 14**

This year's theme is Bring a friend - Make a friend! The more the merrier! Bring your family, friends, your students, your partner, or someone who might be interested in tutoring.

This is an informal way to connect with other tutors and students and it is a fundraiser as well (20% of proceeds from the food, drinks and takeout purchased will be donated to Literacy Unlimited). The staff (Martha, Marjie, and Karen) will be there for lunch from 12:00 – 1:30pm and staff and Board members will be there for dinner from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

We will send reminder emails with details as the date approaches. No need to register for this one – just show up, bring a friend with you, and/or make a new friend while you're there!

#### **August Library and Literacy Unlimited Closings**

**Literacy Unlimited** will close at 2:00pm on Thursday, August 21 at 2:00pm – all libraries will be open for their normal hours, and the classroom space can still be accessed by presenting your volunteer badge to the Reference staff.

The Framingham libraries will be closed **on Friday, August 22 for Staff Day.**

The Framingham libraries and the Morse Institute Library in Natick will be closed on **Saturday, Sunday and Monday August 30, 31 and September 1 for Labor Day.**

The Framingham libraries and the Morse Institute library will be closed on Sundays in August.

## Tutor Workshops

**Workshop – Art, Creativity, and Literacy with Robin Danzak - Thursday August 21, 5:30 - 7:30pm - Framingham Public Library – Costin Room**

Have you ever been moved by a painting or sculpture, or enjoyed creating something with markers, paint, or clay? How can appreciating and making art promote language? This workshop will address that question. Tutors at this workshop will be guided through culturally-relevant and easily replicable art viewing and making activities while targeting English language skills through description, discussion, and reflection. Each activity will differentiate how students with different levels of proficiency can participate and engage. Materials will be provided so please let us know if you plan on attending [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net)

### Facilitator Bio

Robin L. Danzak, PhD., is a multilingual educator passionate about language teaching and learning. Robin lived in Chile for five years where she completed an MA in Linguistics in Spanish. She then worked as a Spanish teacher and curriculum coordinator in Florida public schools, during which time she earned a PhD in Communication Sciences and Disorders with a focus on bilingual language and literacy. Robin has been a university faculty member since 2007, and is currently an associate professor at Emerson College in Boston. Her research explores bilingual writing and its intersection with identity and the immigrant experience through dynamic projects with multilingual-multicultural adolescents and adults.

**Hold the Date - Pronunciation Workshop for ESL Teachers with Debbie Centamore – Friday, September 26 10 -12:30pm – BRACE, 500 Waverly Street, Framingham**

This workshop will be led by Debbie Centamore, Dean of Students and Volunteer Coordinator at Framingham Adult ESL. The workshop will be an in-person event. Last spring the tutors who attended this workshop provided very positive feedback. If you couldn't attend it last spring (or you'd like a refresher), we highly recommend you attend this session. Please let us know if you are interested by responding to this email. As soon as the link is available to sign up, we will forward it to those of you who are interested.

## Volunteers Needed for September Student Registration

We will be holding our semi-annual new student registration to put students on our waiting list for a tutor the week of September 8. If you would like to help new students fill out a student registration form, we will train you. Many tutors enjoy this opportunity to meet new students. Let us know if you would like to volunteer for this activity by responding to this email. We will contact interested tutors with the days and times when we will need volunteers.

## Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a tutor?

Our tutors and classroom leaders are awesome. Do you know some like you who might like to be a tutor or conversation class leader? If so, please have them contact us or send them to our webpage here to sign-up for a new volunteer information session. Our next information session is on August 14 at 2:00pm and our next training will be in-person on Thursday afternoons starting on September 4.

## Congratulations to our new Conversation Class Leaders

This spring/summer we had a couple of volunteers take on Low Beginner conversation classes for the first time. Rick and Lucy, thank you for your hard work this summer – it is clear your students enjoy your classes and are gaining and reinforcing knowledge every week! A huge shout as well to Elena, one of our Advanced English students, who has been leading a Spanish class for Framingham municipal employees since June. Thanks Elena!

And of course, we are incredibly grateful to all of our volunteers who have been leading group classes with our program for many months or years. Your dedication allows us to provide services to students soon after they seek us out, offering a welcoming and accessible learning environment. Thanks for all that you do!

If you are interested in observing, assisting in or leading a conversation class, please let us know!

## Tutor and Student Accomplishments/Activities – Take the Win!!!

We are continually amazed at the milestones our students are reaching with the help of their tutors. Congratulations to all our silent heroes whose achievements big and small provide inspiration to us all.

It is summertime and many of our tutors reported that they have accomplished going on vacation! Way to go – you gotta take time to enjoy the journey!

**Nik and Fabiana** – Nik was just was hired full-time as an electrician's apprentice. It means a lot to him to be able to work in a job that utilizes his skills. We are so happy for him!

**Marilene and Patty** – a very self-motivated Marilene has been very successful using *Long Stories Short: Entertaining stories and everyday language lessons* by Ann Gianola, a reading workbook, to build her reading, writing, listening, speaking and vocabulary skills. Great work – keep it going!

**Felicia and Chip** - They have been reviewing a document she is using to prepare for job interviews. We hope she gets a job soon!

**Melida and Jacqueline** – Melida just got her driver's license. Way to go!

**Ana and Diane** - Visited the Framingham Artist's Guild show in Framingham library lobby. What a great way to break up the routine and introduce new vocabulary!

**Ruben and Blaine** - Ruben has been consistently conjugating verbs correctly. Wow that's an accomplishment!

**Lamia and Helen** - Lamia has a new job working as an assistant in Elder Care. Congratulations to you both!

***Please remember to let us celebrate you and your student's accomplishments by sending us an email or including a comment when you report your monthly hours.***

## **Last Word**

Although this is a long newsletter there are a lot of good things to share with you and we hope you enjoyed reading about them.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon at the Jack's Abby social or at the workshop on August 21<sup>st</sup> and don't forget to complete the survey. [Tutor Survey](#)

Martha, Karen, and Marjie