

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

December, 2022



Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

Lots of news for you – so happy reading!!!

We Have a New Program Coordinator – Michelle Cuata



We are thrilled to announce that Michelle Cuata will be starting on January 9 as our new Program Coordinator. Michelle was an ESOL teacher at SMOC and a Literacy Unlimited tutor, she has a degree in Business Administration, and she is fluent in Spanish. She is totally committed to our mission and we can't wait to introduce you to her

Winter Party and Welcome Reception for Michelle -

We are planning a Winter Party and Welcome Reception for Michelle on Thursday, January 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Framingham Library – Costin Room. Save the date!

This social event will be for students and tutors. We will provide pizza and drinks and you can bring a dessert to share! Rebecca, one of our tutors will have a “make and take” card or some other fun crafty thing. Come meet Michelle and some new tutors and students.

2023 Calendar Fundraiser

The 2023 Literacy Unlimited Calendars will be available soon so it is time to order yours. This year they will be \$15 each. Tim, one of our tutors has again generously donated photos for this year’s calendar. They make great gifts and if you would like to purchase one or more, click here bit.ly/FPL-Literacy-CAL Calendars will be available to pick-up after November 28th.

Literacy Unlimited and Library Closings in December

Library closes on Saturday, December 24th at 12:00 PM and is closed all day, December 25th and December 26th Christmas Day (Observed)

Library is closed on Sunday January 1st and Monday, January 2 New Year’s Day (Observed)

Literacy Unlimited will be closed from Friday, December 23rd through Monday, January 2nd.

Good to Know – For Tutors

Tutor Time – It’s Baaack and with a New Focus

December 6 at 7:00 pm on Zoom

At the last tutor time, we discussed a pivot to learning about something having to do with tutoring, ESOL, etc. Ideally these will be tutor led discussions on topics of interest.

Program:

7:00 – 7:30 **Tutor office hours** – what is on your mind, what have you been working on with your student, how can we help?

7:30 – 8:00 **Share Your Best Winter or Holiday Lesson!**

Bring a winter or holiday lesson that you have enjoyed using with your student or student(s). We know some of you have used songs, videos, stories, etc. that make for a great lesson. We want you to share them with us.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83843561031?pwd=WFJtSGxjZUVQZldOL0FRMVczMkNSUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 4356 1031

Passcode: 347574

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New Tutors

We are pleased to welcome the following new tutors who completed training recently:

Janice

Betsy

Sarah

Joel

Michele

Lynn

Mary

New Tutor Training

We really, really need more tutors! If you know of someone who might be interested there is a New Tutor Information session on Tuesday, December 13 at 1:30 pm in the Framingham Library – Costin Room or on Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83861036326?pwd=aWovOUhZODE2NkhBSGNIWnp5c0VQUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 6103 6326

Passcode: 658802

There will be a new tutor **in-person** training on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 – 4:00 pm January 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb 7, 14.

There will also be a new tutor **online** training on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 pm on January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22.

Also, if you have any ideas as to where we might be able to recruit new tutors – please let us know: fplmail4@minlib.net or 508 532 5574.

Wednesday Night Low Beginner English Conversation Class 7:00 pm Needs a Leader

Tim is currently leading this in-person drop-in conversation class with a co-leader. He would like to turn the class over to another leader by the end of this year so he can teach a different class. If you are interested in leading this class, please let us know. fplmail4@minlib.net or 508 532 5574.

Good to Know – To Share with Students

Low – Beginner classes

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. These are drop-in classes at the Framingham library and 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

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

I hope it is inspiring to hear what our students are accomplishing. If you have reached a milestone, any milestone, with your student please, please let us know. We would love to share them with our community.

Zully and Meghan – Zully is from Guatemala and she and Meghan have been working together for about a year. Zully received a promotion at work earlier in the year and recently won the lottery at FAESL and will be attending ESOL classes there. *October 2022*

Qin and Laura – Qin is from China and she and Laura had been working together for about 4 ½ years. Qin was a low level English speaker when they started meeting but recently got a job at a local TJ Max as a fitting room attendant. She met her goal of getting a job. *October 2022*

Last Word



The last couple of months have been challenging due to staff vacations, illnesses and passings. Hopefully this is all behind us and we can look forward to exciting times and

new focus in the new year. We would like to personally thank Anne O'Connell for stepping in and keeping the office open recently during the time when there was absolutely no staff available. Also, we would like to thank everyone who helped us with student registration and Lisa, Peg, and Tina, Bonnie, and Rebecca for helping us input all the new students. And while we are at it, we thank all of you for your time and effort supporting us and our students in ways too numerous to count. We are grateful for all of you and thankful for all you do.

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Karen, Laurie, Liehua, Marjie, and Anne