

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

As we close out 2023 and get ready for a new year we hope all of you enjoy the holidays and we wish you a happy and healthy New Year. We are looking forward to seeing you at our Year End Celebration on December 12 – so don’t forget to RSVP if you haven’t already. We are also wishing for last-minute donations to our annual appeal so we can meet our goal. And we have a few dates in January for you to mark on your calendar. Read on for more details.

General Information

Literacy Unlimited 2023 Annual Appeal

Our Annual Appeal is in full swing. Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000 which directly funds the operating costs of the program (e.g., tutor training, staff salaries, subscriptions, etc.). So far, we have raised \$11,431.

We are so grateful for all that you do and send a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who has generously donated so far. If you haven’t donated and would like to, you can read Michelle’s letter and donate online using a credit or debit card or PayPal here: [Literacy Annual Appeal](#)

And if you haven’t seen our Annual Report yet, you can read it here: [2023 Annual Report](#)

Year End Celebration - Tuesday, December 12th 6:00 – 8:00pm – Framingham Library Costin Room



We're having a fun pot-luck social event at the Framingham Library for tutors and students. Be prepared for a night of food, fellowship, games, student recognition and a sing along activity that will brighten our hearts and spirits.

If you like singing, and would like to be extra prepared to sing along with the group; check out the link below (copy and paste the link in your browser if the link below doesn't work). We will sing the first half of the song "Thank You for Being a Friend" by Andrew Gold.

https://youtu.be/fs7DDUEyzU8?si=mY04UYZ_NojkuGLZ

Please contact us if you would like us to recognize your student for something they have achieved this year. We'll be happy to make sure they make it to the list of students to be recognized.

To RSVP for the celebration, please [Click Here](#)

Tutor Survey

You can still respond to the tutor survey and we would really, really like to hear from you. Your responses really, really help us with program planning.

You can click here: <https://forms.gle/sz2JTz6zYXz53ySc6> or copy and paste the link in your browser.

December Literacy Unlimited Closing

The Literacy Office will be closed from December 23 until January 2 for the Holidays. The Literacy space will be open for tutors to meet with their students but be sure to check the library closings below if you plan to meet with your student during the holidays.

December Library Closings

The Framingham libraries will be closed starting at noon on Saturday, December 23 and remain closed December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday. Both libraries will also be closed Sunday, December 31 and Monday, January 1, 2024 for the New Year's holiday.

The Morse Institute in Natick will be closed on December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday and on December 31 and January 1, 2024 for the New Year's holiday.

Good to Know – For Tutors

Upcoming Tutor Training Starting on January 18

There will be a new English tutor training starting on January 18. It will be in the afternoon, in person on Thursdays so spread the word. If you know someone who might be interested, they can get on our tutor training mailing list here: [Tutor Training Mailing List](#)

Professional Development Workshop – Tuesday, January 23rd - The English Verb System - By Marcel L. 1:00-3:00 PM - Costin Room - Framingham Public Library

Tutors and teachers will learn to identify the simple, progressive, perfect, and emphatic forms of verbs to teach their students. With hands-on activities, tutors will learn ways to teach their students the differences between these different grammatical components.

Signing up for study rooms and emailing

This is just a reminder that if you are signed-up for a literacy cubicle or the classroom and you have to cancel, please let us know so we can release the space to another student/tutor pair. Also, if you are emailing us, please make sure that the subject line in the email reflects the content of your email. We receive a lot of email and we really like hearing from you but we don't want your email to get lost on an unrelated email thread.

Good to Know – For Students

Informal One-to-One English Conversation Sessions at the Natick Senior Center

Isabel Wesley (long-time tutor) and other volunteers meet at the Natick Senior Center (117 East Central St, Natick) on Monday mornings from 11 - 12 and hold one-to-one English conversation sessions with anyone who wants to come and practice speaking English. Each volunteer spends an hour with one student, talking about whatever the student wants to talk about. It's a great way for a student to practice speaking English. They have plenty of volunteers and would like more students. Please share this information with your student if you think they might be interested.

Tutor and Student Activities

Framingham through Time:

Last month tutors and students met at the Framingham History Center for a fun Framingham history lesson. You can see pictures of the event and learn a little more about the activity on our website by clicking: [Framingham Through Time Pictures](#)

If you have an idea for a fun tutor and student activity, please let us know: fplmail4@minlib.net

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

Maureen and Haydee – Maureen and Haydee have been working together since July 2023. Haydee just passed her citizenship test. Congratulations! *(November, 2023)*

Malcolm and Alexander – Malcolm and Alexander have been working together since September 2019. Alexander just became a US citizen. Way to go! *(November 2023)*

Last Word

As always thank-you for reading to the end and have a great day,
Karen, Michelle, Laurie, and Marjie