

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed the first snow of the season! With the end-of-year holidays quickly approaching, we have a few final announcements and reminders for 2024. Enjoy!

General Information

Literacy Unlimited Annual Appeal – \$18,985 raised so far!

The Annual Appeal season is upon us! Literacy Unlimited raises about 25% of our budget for the program through this yearly donation campaign. This year, our goal is to raise \$25,000 by December 31st. To reach that goal, we truly need your generous donations.

Go to the [Support Us](#) page on our website to donate online, mail a check to us, or bring a donation with you to the potluck event on the 10th. And remember to check whether your current or former employer has a matching program that can make your donation go even further!

December Library and Literacy Closings

Both Framingham libraries will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and Wednesday January 1st for Christmas and New Year’s. These libraries will also close at 12pm on Tuesday, December 24th for Christmas Eve and at 5pm on Tuesday, January 31st for New Year’s Eve.

The Natick library will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th and 25th, as well as Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31st and January 1st, in recognition of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Year-end Celebration and Shout-outs

Student Recognition Potluck - Tuesday, December 10th, 6-8pm

Coming up in less than a week, this annual celebration features food, games, and an all-around fun time with Literacy Unlimited students, volunteers, staff, and community members. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please fill out [this form](#) to let us know whether you plan to attend!

Student/Tutor Shout-Outs

Even if you can't make it to the potluck event on December 10th, fill out [this RSVP form](#) to leave a shout-out for your student(s) and all their hard work. Shout-outs will be posted around the space for the potluck event as a way to recognize and celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our students, tutors, and class leaders.

Conversation Class Leaders Needed

We are looking for volunteers interested in leading English conversation classes, particularly at the Low Beginner and Beginner levels, starting in February after our next student registration. We hope to pair prospective volunteers with current class leaders to shadow them in January to get tips, ideas, and strategies on how to lead a conversation class.

Next Wednesday, December 11th, at 3pm we will be holding a hybrid meeting for all current class leaders. Prospective class leaders are welcome to join to learn more about this part of the Literacy Unlimited program. If you are interested, please let us know!

Tutor and Student Accomplishments – You Rock!!!!

Liliane and Lee Ann – Liliane wrote a pamphlet for a local conservation group. Together, they edited the pamphlet and brainstormed ways to connect with local groups working on public policy, which is a career goal for Liliane. Thanks for sharing what you're working on, Lee Ann!

Juan and Tina – Juan passed her U.S. citizenship exam. Congrats Juan!!

Edeir and Ed – Edeir's employer complimented her on her improving English. Great job Edeir, keep up the good work!

Hanna and Jim – Hanna got a job at Framingham high school. They are lucky to have you, Hanna!

Ana Paula and Barbara – Ana Paula got a library card this month. Woohoo!!

Nojan and Sue – Nojan recently got a job. Congratulations Nojan!

Marcio and Wayne – A special shout-out to Marcio and Wayne for recently hitting the 15-year mark of working together as a student/tutor pair. In Wayne's words, "I have been working with Marcio for over 15 years. The last two years have been via Zoom, as I moved to Arizona in 2022. When we first met in 2009 Marcio was a low beginner and today he's the proud owner of a landscape construction company. We've become steadfast friends. Due to his determination he's become tremendously successful. Looking forward to many more years together." What an incredible milestone – congrats 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

Reading the shout-outs sent in over the last couple of weeks has been an absolute joy. From students thanking tutors and teachers for their dedication, to tutors lauding their students' determination – the care and intention you all bring to this program is amazing. It is a pleasure to work with you, and we are all looking forward to celebrating with many of you at the potluck next week!

Martha, Karen, Laurie, and Marjie