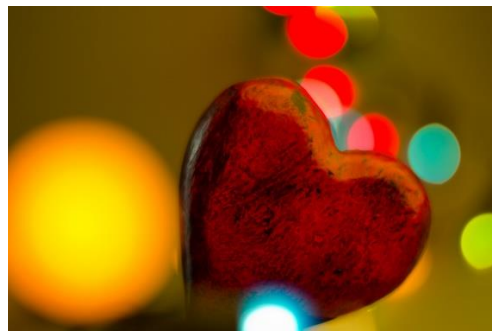


"Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

February, 2024



Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

This Newsy comes to you with a warm hug and wishes that you are happy and healthy. We have lots of news for you and we hope you enjoy reading all about it.

General Information

Framingham History Center - Framingham's Collective Journeys: Stories of Immigration, 1960 – Present

This is the first new major exhibition by the Framingham History Center in five years. Through oral histories, interactives, and artifacts, you can discover some of those who have immigrated to Framingham and learn of their contributions to the grander culture of this New England city. And our very own **Michelle Cuata has recorded an interview** and **contributed an artifact** to the exhibition. Visiting the history center might be a great opportunity for you and your student(s) to experience some learning together. You can find out more about the exhibition and hours here: [Framingham's Collective Journeys - Stories of Immigration](#)

Literacy Unlimited Coordinator Position

As many of you know, Michelle is expecting baby Liam in May. We are all very excited to have a baby in Literacy. Michelle will be leaving her position in April and the city we will be looking for an interim coordinator to fill her position. If you are interested, please contact Michelle. We

would like to have someone who is familiar with the Literacy Unlimited program take over the reins this Spring.

February Library Closings

The Framingham libraries and **The Morse Institute in Natick** will be closed on Sunday and Monday, February 18 and 19 in observance of President's Day.

Good to Know – For Tutors

Student Registration Session 2/13 - 2/15 VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are hosting a student registration session the week of February 12.

If you would like to help us interview new students and complete their student background form we need volunteers on **Tuesday February 13 from 10:00am – 12:00pm and on Thursday February 15 from 10:00am – 12:00pm and from 4:00 – 7:00pm**. If you can help us out please respond to this email. fplmail4@minlib.net We will provide a brief training before the registration shift for those tutors who have never helped us before or who want a brief refresher.

Professional Development Workshop (PDW) – Friday, March 1st 10:00-11:30 pm - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Workshop

The Framingham Public Schools Equity and Diversity Projects Coordinator, Daisal Obomanu, will discuss the importance of differentiating the concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Learn the importance of providing the right volunteering service to different community members and how to best connect with others despite our differences. This workshop will be held on Google Meet (online). Please let us know if you would like to attend by responding to this email so we can send you the link. Fplmail4@minlib.net

Professional Development Workshop (PDW) – Wednesday, March 20th - Using ChatGPT to Prepare Lesson Plans – 6:00 – 7:00pm

What is ChatGPT you ask? Well it is a free generative (i.e., new material) AI (i.e., artificial intelligence) chat (i.e., 2 people exchanging words). Because it is generative and creates new content it is not a search engine that finds existing material. How can it help you? Assume you are creating a lesson plan for your learner and you have a particular idea in mind but you have searched all favorite websites and Ellii and you just can't find what you are looking for. ChatGPT may be able to help you very quickly. Intrigued? This workshop will show you how to get started and how other tutors are using this tool now.

If you are using ChatGPT to prepare for tutor or conversation class lessons let us know. We would love to know how you are using it.

New resources ADDED to our Website

How to Practice English - We have added a new resource guide to our website [here](#) This resource is from the Duolingo English Test Official Guide and has many good suggestions about

ways students can practice speaking, writing and reading in English. For example, writing a shopping list in English or talking to themselves in English. Thanks Pete (a tutor) for sharing.

Ginger Grammar Free Resources – is another great resource shared by Pete and added to our website. It has grammar rules and examples you can use during your lessons with your student. Find it under “tutor resources” “grammar resources” or click the link [here](#)

Tutoring Practices that Promote Cognitive and Affective Development - This 2-page article is part of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) training but we think has good advice for all tutors. You can find it on our website [here](#)

ESOL Tutor Training Starts in March

We are always looking for new tutors like you. There will be an ESOL Tutor Training on Saturdays March 2, 9, 16 and 23 in-person at the Framingham Library. There will also be a new tutor information session on Saturday February 10 at 9:00am to explain the program and the training. If you know of someone who you think might be interested in becoming a tutor, please have them contact us.

English Conversation Class Leaders

We are always looking for conversation class leaders. Right now, we would really like to add more Low Beginner classes for learners with little to no English conversation skills. If you think you might be interested, please contact Michelle at mcuata@minlib.net

Good to Know – For Students – Spread the Word

Student Registration Session 2/12 - 2/15

We will host a student registration session the week of February 12. Students can come to the Framingham or Morse Institute literacy offices to register. This registration session is only for students who would like to have a tutor to study one-to-one with them.

FRAMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Student Registration:

Mon (Feb12)	Tues (Feb 13)	Wed (Feb 14)	Thurs (Feb 15)
10 – 12pm	10 – 12pm	10 - 12pm	10 – 12pm
4 - 7pm	4 - 7pm		4 – 7pm

MORSE INSTITUTE – NATICK LIBRARY Student Registration

Mon (Feb12)	Tues (Feb 13)	Wed (Feb 14)	Thurs (Feb 15)	Fri (Feb 16)
10 – 12pm		10 – 12pm	10 – 12pm	
		5 – 7pm	1 – 3pm	1-3pm

Citizenship Seminar Starts Wednesday, February 21 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Class leader Brian Judge will be teaching the Seminar which runs for 11 weeks on Wednesday nights. He is passionate about US history and citizenship. Many of the students that you read

about in Newsy passing the citizenship test have taken his seminar. If you have a student who has applied for citizenship or is thinking about applying in the next year or so, please let them know about this seminar. They can find out more about the seminar [here](#) or they can stop by the office. Registration is required and students should be intermediate or higher English speakers.

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

Grace and Rebecca - Grace and Rebecca have been working together since December 2022. Grace has started CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant) training. Congratulations! *(January, 2024)*

Antonia and Cecilia – Antonia and Cecilia have been working together since October 2023. They just went grocery shopping together. Way to go! *(January, 2024)*

Creonice and Pete – Creonice and Pete have been working together since July 2023. They are happy to report that they are updating Creonice's resume. Onward and upward! *(January, 2024)*

Kudos to class leader Amy! On Thursday, February 1st, Amy took her advanced class to the Amazing Things Art Center in downtown Framingham, where the Centre Music School runs a free Open Mike night. Thanks, Amy, for thinking outside the box and enriching your students' English experience with activities that help them bond as a group, practice English, and have fun!

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. We like to hear what you are doing and we love to share with our community.

Last Word

As always thank-you for reading to the end. We would love to hear from you so please stop by in-person or send us an email and let us know how things are going or if you have a suggestion for how we might improve the program.

Have a great day,

Karen, Michelle, Laurie, and Marjie