

"Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

February means longer days, brighter sunlight, and Valentine's Day. Read on to find out about the February and early March happenings at Literacy Unlimited.

Important Information

February Library and Literacy Unlimited Closings

The **Framingham libraries** will be closed **on Sunday and Monday, February 15 and 16**, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Tutor Workshops

Tutor Social - Thursday, February 12 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm at Adina Café – 197 Concord St, Framingham



Meet us at the café, which is just steps from the library, for a warm drink and some interesting conversation. This is an informal meeting with other tutors and Literacy Unlimited staff to get to

know each other and talk about all things tutoring. The past tutor socials have had 5 -10 tutors who grab a snack and/or a drink and just talk about anything. If you haven't attended a social yet, we hope you will try it out! And if you have attended a social, we would love to see you again. No registration required – just drop in.

Tutor Workshop with Roban Danzak – Language Game Night – Wednesday, March 4 from 6:00 – 7:30pm – Costin Room Framingham Public Library

It's Game Night! Love to play language games in your tutoring sessions? Want to incorporate games but need ideas? Come to Language Game Night! Learn some "old school" (analog) and online games to teach and practice English vocabulary, question asking, verb tenses, conjunctions, etc. Bring your favorite game to share. If you plan on attending, or if you can't attend but would like the handouts, please complete the sign-up form [here](#).

Looking for New Tutor Volunteers

If you know someone who you think would be a great tutor, please refer them to us. There is a new volunteer information session on Thursday, February 5th at 2 pm. More information and sign-up forms for upcoming information sessions and trainings can be found [here](#) on our website.

The next ESOL tutor training will be on Thursdays, 1:30-4:30 pm, in-person, at the Framingham Main Library (February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 9).

Tutor Volunteer Opportunities

Events Committee – Interest Form

Literacy Unlimited is looking to put together an ad-hoc committee to help plan and execute social events for the program each year. Social events may include our December and June potlucks, monthly/bimonthly tutor socials, Literacy Unlimited anniversary events, and more. The committee would convene and meet according to program need; frequency and meeting times TBD.

If you are interested in joining the Events Committee, please fill out [this form](#) to let us know!

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

Here are some fantastic milestones our students are reaching with the help of their tutors. To the tutors who took the time to share these accomplishments, we are truly grateful. By the way, tutors are doing a great job of sharing with us, and these are just samples of accomplishments reported – there are too many to include them all. Congratulations to all our silent heroes whose achievements, big and small, inspire us all.

Patty and Marilene - Marilene has made significant progress in her ability to have a spontaneous conversation in English. Their focus for class content will continue to be oral communication.

Peggy and Chela - We've started working with the Oxford Picture Dictionary, concentrating on areas of interest to nursing, as Chela would like to have a job in health care.

Safura and Odulis - Odulis had a busy month! Focus was getting her driver's license, which she now has! The ability to drive and the purchase of a car will help her seek jobs better suited to her needs.

Pam and Jane - Reading aloud and conversations show increased mastery of w, v, and th sounds. We also spent about half an hour learning the meaning of a number of idioms. Jane wants to learn more words for feelings, so I brought in a copy of the book Atlas of the Heart. We studied several definitions, and Jane said she would order the book from the library. We talked about a book she is reading (in English, by a popular writer). The story takes place in a city in her home country.

Eric and Leandro - Leandro got a new job working as a cook at an Outback Steakhouse, bought a car, and is studying to earn a license to sell insurance.

Morgan and Marie - Marie learned how to professionally discuss her work experience.

Last Word

Thank you for reading this newsletter to the end. We look forward to seeing you at our tutor social and/or workshop, even though we're sure the idea of going out in the cold and snow is not very inviting right now. Hopefully, reading the student accomplishments and activities warmed your heart and maybe gave you an idea for a way to add something new to your tutoring sessions.

Hope to see you soon, and Happy Valentine's Day.

Karen, Martha, Marjie, and Kyara