

June, 2023



Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin

Hi Everyone,

It's almost summer! Stay cool and have fun during these hot days!

General Information

May Baskets

We sold \$6,460 of raffle tickets. The drawing is on June 5th. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket. You can join us for the drawing on Monday at noon. We will gather in the Trustees room at the Main library– Good Luck!

Volunteer Appreciation Night

Thanks to everyone who attended our celebration in May. We had a blast! We had games, dancing, emotional moments and awards. Congrats to the volunteers who have been part of Literacy Unlimited for more than 10 years and to those who were recognized for their outstanding efforts contributing to this program. You can find the pictures from the event on our Instagram account lvm_literacyunlimited. You can also see pictures by clicking the link below

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1t8q-aUQYNJhwuG_Vx9ceMHKh_GXWRT1Y?usp=share link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1t8q-aUQYNJhwuG_Vx9ceMHKh_GXWRT1Y?usp=share_link)

Literacy Unlimited and Library Closings in June

All libraries (Framingham and Natick) will be closed on Sunday June 18 and Monday June 19 for Juneteenth.

Good to Know – For Tutors

Tutor Professional Development/Workshop – Tuesday, June 13 1:00 – 3:30 PM Framingham Library – Costin Room

Dr. Marcel LaVergne will lead an in-person workshop on “Strategies for Teaching Beginning ESL learners”. Let us know if you plan to attend by responding to this email. fplmail4@minlib.net

New Resources for Tutors Working with Low Beginner and Beginner ESOL Learners

We have two picture-based readers that are new to Literacy: “Very Easy True Stories” and “Easy True Stories” by Sandra Heyer. They have very short stories with action pictures that can be used prior to reading the story to introduce vocabulary and make some guesses about what the story will be about. There are also worksheets that can be used after reading the story. If the books sound familiar, it may be because Taryn Barrios mentioned them during her storytelling workshop earlier this year.

New Resources for Tutors Working with Intermediate ESOL Learners

We have “A conversation Book 2 (English in Everyday Life)” and its companion Teacher’s Guide by Tina Kasloff Carver and Sandra Douglas Fotinos. These books are new to Literacy. The book has pictures of everyday activities as well as many prompts and ideas to spark conversation. It could be used in a conversation class or for one-to-one tutoring.

Please welcome the new Tutors who just finished training in May

Valerie	Irene
Anthony	Barbara
Mary	Heidi
Phil	Suzanne
Steven	Andrew
Nancy	Amy
Marjorie (Margie)	Jane
Phylis	Bettina
Deborah	Russ
Laura	Josh
Tonya	James
	Catia

Tutor Time – Tuesday, June 20 6:30 - 7:30 PM on Zoom

To meet the new tutors and give them a piece of advice or answer their questions. Please let us know if you plan to attend by responding to this email or calling us at 508-532-5574.

Vocabulary Builder Flash Cards from Create Fun – available from the Framingham Library of Things

If you are working with a beginner English speaker, you might want to check out these flash cards. The set has 299 cards grouped in the following categories: go-together words, nouns, emotions, opposites, prepositions and verbs. They are available to borrow from the Library of Things and might be just the thing to brighten your tutor sessions.

The Grammar Answer Key is now available at the Framingham Public Library

The book is finally available for us to borrow. The library purchased two copies per our request. You can find it by clicking the link below.

Keith S. Folse

[CITIZENSHIP 428.2 Folse](#)

https://find.minilib.net/iii/encore/record/C_Rb3922218

Student Assessments in May and June - REMINDER

You should have gotten an email with a link to schedule your student's assessment during one of your tutoring sessions in May. Thank-you to all tutors who have already responded. For most of our students the assessment is oral and adaptive (i.e., the questions get harder until the student can no longer answer them). Advanced ESOL students who successfully complete the oral test go on to a reading comprehension test. The results do not impact either your or your student's participation in the program and so please help us to make this activity as low-key as possible.

If you have not responded yet, it is really important that you take the time to schedule this with us. This is an LVM (Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts) requirement and is essential for part of our annual funding. We can join you at your tutoring session either in-person or online to administer the assessment. [Click Here to Schedule an Assessment](#)

English Conversation Class Leader Try-Outs

It's not what you think it is. We have started many new in-person, drop in conversation classes and they are very popular with learners. The leaders have been working hard to start-up these classes and over the summer we want our class leaders to take some

time off. When they do, instead of canceling their classes, we would like to give tutors who have thought about leading a conversation class a chance to try it out. If you think you might be interested or if you have been a substitute class leader in the past, please let us know. fplmail4@minlib.net

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

We are soon going to start drafting our 2023 Annual Report and we would love to have some tutor/student accomplishments to highlight and share. They can be large or small, funny or serious, a tutor/student pair or a conversation class student accomplishing goals. Feel free to send us an email if there is something you and your students would like to share with us.

We are always on the lookout for scholarship and grant opportunities for ESOL students. Particularly for students who are entering post-secondary education such as community college, two-year degree/certificate programs, or four-year programs. If your students are enrolled or willing to enroll in a post-secondary education program, please let us know and we'll do everything we can to support them.

Manal and Scott- Manal took a class at MassBay Community College and successfully passed a test to become a Medical Interpreter. Per Manal: **I am so grateful to my tutor, Scott, for his guidance and support. My words cannot capture my appreciation for him, I am truly grateful.** Congrats Manal and Scott!

Zhen (Jane) Ma and Andrea – Jane is graduating from UMass-Boston with a Masters Degree in Business Analytics. She is currently interviewing for jobs. Congratulations Jane and Andrea on this accomplishment!

Ignacio and Les- Ignacio passed his driving test and Les was his sponsor. Les accompanied Ignacio during the test and he made sure there were no English barriers for him to pass. Way to go Ignacio and Les! Congrats!

Last Word

Whew, another long Newsy. It is a lot to read but then again there is a lot going on and that's a good thing. Thanks for reading to the end.

Karen, Michelle, Laurie, and Marjie