

"Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

July, 2025



Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying the summer and all the good things that go with it.

General Information

Thank you to our FY 2026 supporters!

We are thrilled to announce that Literacy Unlimited is starting off fiscal year 2026 with the support of two new grantors.



First, a huge thank you to the [Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation](#) which has awarded \$9,000 to Literacy Unlimited of Framingham Foundation to support programmatic costs this year including tutor trainings, subscription services, event supplies, and more!

 Cummings Foundation
**\$30 MILLION
GRANT PROGRAM**

**2025
WINNER**

Additionally, we would like to thank [Cummings Foundation](#) which has awarded a 3-year grant to our Foundation through their [\\$30 Million Grant Program](#). For each of the next three fiscal years, Literacy Unlimited of Framingham Foundation will receive \$25,000 in annual operating funds from Cummings Foundation. These critical funds will support all of the behind-the-scenes line items our program needs to survive and thrive – staff salaries, administrative initiatives, and more. We've got some exciting projects coming down the line this year, so stay tuned!



LITERACY VOLUNTEERS
of MASSACHUSETTS



Framingham Community
Development Block Grant

Finally, we want to recognize the critical, ongoing support we receive from Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts and the Framingham Community Development Block Grant. These funding sources have helped to create and sustain the Literacy Unlimited program for decades and we are incredibly excited to continue partnering with them during fiscal year 2026.

Save the Date – Jack's Abby Neighbor Night Fundraiser – August 14

This year's theme is Bring a friend - Make a friend! The more the merrier! Bring your family, friends, your students, your partner, or someone who might be interested in tutoring.

This is an informal way to connect with other tutors and students and it is a fundraiser as well (20% of proceeds from the food, drinks and takeout purchased will be donated to Literacy Unlimited). The staff (Martha, Marjie, and Karen) will be there for lunch from 12:00 – 1:30pm and staff and Board members will be there for dinner from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

We will send reminder emails with details as the date approaches. No need to register for this one – just show up, bring a friend with you, and/or make a new friend while you're there!

July Library and Literacy Closings

The Framingham libraries will close **at 5:00pm on Thursday, July 3 and will remain closed on Friday, July 4th** in observance of Independence Day. The Morse Institute Library in Natick will be closed July 4 - July 6.

The Framingham libraries and the Natick Morse Institute will be closed on Sundays in July and August.

Additionally, Literacy Unlimited will have reduced office hours due to staff vacations in July:

July 7 we will close at 2:00pm

July 8, 9, 10 we will close at 4:00pm

July 11 we will be closed all day

Good to Know for Tutors

Please welcome the following new tutors who successfully completed tutor training in June. We are in the process of matching them with an English learner.

Peggy H	Deborah L
Karsh T	Zelda G
Roxanne T	Elaine M
Jill C	Fabiana C

Summer Tutor Social – July 17th, 1:00pm, Andina Cafe



There will be a "Tutor Social" at Adina Café (197 Concord St) on Thursday, July 17th at 1:00pm. This is an informal gathering to allow tutors to share ideas and experiences, and just get to know each other. It is a local coffee shop with a wide selection of coffees and teas and great food and drinks. Check out the café's history and menu here: [Andina Cafe](#).

Annual Student Assessments Update

We administered over 100 student assessments this spring. THANK-YOU for all your support through this process.

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a tutor?

We have two ESOL tutor training sessions scheduled to start in mid-August and early September respectively. One will be online on Wednesday nights and one will be in-person on Thursday

afternoons. There will be new tutor information sessions on Wednesday, July 23 at 5:30pm on Zoom and on Thursday, August 14 at 2:00pm in-person and on Zoom for individuals who are interested in our program.

If you know someone who might be interested, please have them contact us or check out our website here [Tutor Training and Info Sessions Registration](#) or bring them to the Jack's Abby event on August 14.

Tutor and Student Accomplishments – You Rock!!!!

We are continually amazed at the milestones our students are reaching with the help of their tutors. Congratulations to all our silent heroes whose achievements big and small provide inspiration to us all.

Rolande has been attending English conversation classes here at Literacy Unlimited as well as the Framingham Adult ESL Plus Program. The Program's faculty recently selected Rolande for membership in the National Adult Education Honor Society. Fewer than five percent of all adult education students are selected for NAEHS membership. Congratulations and we expect this is just the beginning of more good things to come for Rolande.



Abby and Dan – have been working together since September of 2024. Dan has been hired as a part-time instructor in a Chinese/English weekend school for young children. Way to go Dan!

Alexander and Mal – have been working together since September 2019. Alexander feels confident enough to travel for two weeks in the U.K. (along with his wife). He understands, jokingly, that the U.S. and the U.K. are two nations separated by a common language. Seriously, he has experienced a "foreign" English language and enjoyed the experience. We hope Alexander has a great trip!

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

Last week we had our annual potluck recognition dinner at the Framingham Library. There were about 60 student and tutor attendees. It was so fun to catch up with students and tutors and meet new

members of our community in person. The conversation was buzzing and the energy level was high even though it was 100 degrees outside. View pictures of the event [here](#).

And last Thursday Martha and I attended the Cummings Foundation Grant Winner Celebration which was quite a party. Last year, about 750 non-profit organizations applied to Cummings Foundation for funding through their \$30 Million Grant Program. We are one of the 150 nonprofits to receive a grant this year. This is not only a huge financial win for us but also recognition of the fantastic program you all make possible. Pictures of the event can be seen [here](#).

Whew, writing

this month's Newsy, I can't help but think that there are lots of wonderful things to come for Literacy Unlimited. We are so glad you are with us to enjoy the ride.

Hope we see you soon,

Martha, Karen, and Marjie