



Literacy Unlimited

Volunteer Newsletter - July 2026



Hi Everyone,

There is no such thing as a boring day here at Literacy Unlimited. Every day, we are blown away by the creativity, compassion, and determination of our students and volunteers. This Monday was no exception. After his weekly low beginner conversation class, volunteer class leader Rick was excited to show off the t-shirt his students had made for him. The custom print reads "Rick is the Best English Teacher EVER - Patient - Funny - Caring." What an incredible and creative testament to the enthusiasm and intention with which Rick approaches this work. And my favorite part is that those words - "Patient, Funny, Caring" could describe any volunteer in this program. Our community is full of patient, funny, and caring people supporting each other in a variety of creative ways. Keep up the good work - it matters so much!

In gratitude,
Karen, Marjie, and Martha

Upcoming Events and Activities



Tutor Social – Thursday, July 23, 12 - 1:30 pm at Andina Café – 197 Concord St, Framingham

Meet us at Andina Café, just steps from the library, for a cool drink and some interesting conversation with our fabulous tutors and conversation leaders. This is an informal meeting with tutors, conversation class leaders, individuals interested in becoming tutors, and Literacy Unlimited staff to get to know each other and talk about all things tutoring. 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 stop by.

Program Updates and Announcements

Library and Literacy Office Closures

Independence Day Library Closure

The Framingham libraries will close at 5:00pm on Thursday, July 2nd and remain closed on Friday, July 3rd, and Saturday, July 4th, **in observance of Independence Day**. The library will also be closed on Sunday, July 5th, as this is when library summer hours go into effect (both Framingham libraries are closed on Sundays during July and August). The library will reopen on Monday, July 6th.

During July and August, Literacy Unlimited's hours will be adjusted due to staff vacations, resulting in reduced coverage.

Literacy Unlimited Hours the week of July 6:

Monday, July 6: 9am - 2:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (July 7, 8, 9): 9:00am - 4:00pm

Literacy Unlimited Closures and Reduced Hours Late July and Early August

Wednesday, July 29 - Friday, August 7 - Literacy Unlimited will be CLOSED
Monday, August 10: 9:00am - 2:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (August 11, 12, 13) 9:00am - 4:00pm
Monday, August 17 - normal hours resume (M-Th, 9am-5pm)

Welcome New Tutors!

language skills. Check it out.

And if you want more pictures, search on [language scenes](#) in Ellii. If you are not familiar with Ellii or haven't used it in a while [here is a recording](#) of our webinar on Ellii from January of this year.

Celebrations and Accomplishments

Tutor/Student Accomplishments - 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 their accomplishments and inspiring activities, 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.

- **Jason and Xiang** – Xiang is starting to understand simple present vs. present progressive verb tenses, also starting to understand wh- questions (who, what, when, where, why, how).
- **Roberta and Jin** - Jin has begun a phlebotomy course at Mass Bay in Framingham.
- **Janis and Valentyna** - Valentyna was able to read and understand a New York Times article about her home country, Ukraine.
- **Kathy and Liliana** - Liliana has passed her driving test and is now a proud owner of a MA Driver's License!
- **Chip and Felicia** - Felicia is learning how to explain her technical work to business users.
- **Pam and Evgeniya** - have been reading aloud, learning more idiomatic expressions, visiting Garden in the Woods, and seeing many of the same plants as in her home country, and comparing the English and Russian pronunciations of their names.
- **Kathy and her conversation class students** - the group studied entomophagy - the practice of eating bugs. After a lively discussion, the class shared a plate of chocolate chirp cookies - made with cricket flour. Most, but not everyone, declared them to be quite tasty!

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