

"Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

Summer is here and at long last the weather is aligning with the season. We at Literacy slow the pace just a bit over the summer. But that means we have time to plan some social events for our community. Read on for more information.

General Information

Annual Recognition and Potluck dinner – Tuesday, June 24

We sent a separate invitation email to all active volunteers and students with more details about our recognition event and requested RSVPs. Check your email and spam folders for the invitation, and send us a note if you didn't receive it.

Photographer in the Building

We want to update our website and social media posts and gather pictures for our annual report, so Martha will be out and about in the next couple of weeks snapping candid photos. We would love to include you and your students in these publications if you are both comfortable being published.

June Library and Literacy Closings

Literacy Unlimited will be closed on **Friday June 6** – all libraries will be open for their normal hours, and the classroom space can still be accessed by presenting your volunteer badge to the Reference staff.

The Framingham libraries will close **at 5:00pm on Wednesday June 18** and will be closed on **Thursday June 19** for the Juneteenth holiday. The Morse Institute Library in Natick will be closed on Thursday June 19.

The Natick Morse Institute is currently closed on Sundays through the summer until after Labor Day. The Framingham libraries will be closed on Sundays in July and August.

Good to Know for Tutors

Summer Tutor Socials in June and July



In lieu of formal workshops for the months of June and July, we will be hosting "Tutor Socials" at a local café just steps from the Framingham library. These informal gatherings will provide an agreed-upon date and time for tutors to gather together, share ideas and experiences, and just get to know each other. Our rendezvous point will be Andina Café (197 Concord St), 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](#)

Reserving Study Rooms at the Framingham Public Library and McAuliffe – Good News

You are now able to reserve, in advance, the Group Study Room (on the main floor) at the Main Library and Study Room B at McAuliffe. Reservations can be made in advance online with your library card, or in-person at the library for same day reservations. If you have questions on the reservation process, contact our office, or the Library's Reference Desk for support.

Annual Student Assessments Update

We have administered 85 student assessments so far. If your student has already gone through the assessment process THANK-YOU for all your support. If your student hasn't been assessed this spring and we have contacted you about scheduling an appointment, please work with your student to schedule the assessment as soon as possible. All assessments must be completed by June 30th.

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

We have two 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. 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](#)

Good to Know for Students

Citizenship Seminar starts June 10 – Meets Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 – 8:30 at the Framingham Library

If your student is close to becoming eligible for citizenship and speaks English at an intermediate or higher level this might be just the seminar for them. Please have them contact us if they are interested in attending.

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.

Kodjo and Lauren – have been working together since August of 2021. Kodjo just graduated from MassBay community college with an Associate's Degree in Biotechnology. He plans to transfer to UMass to continue his studies in Biotechnology. Congratulations Kodjo and we can't wait to hear about what you do next!

Linsey and Claudia – have been working together since December of 2024. Linsey works at a nursing home and spoke in English to a resident for the first time! That's a huge step and we are so proud of both of you!

Leny and Cecilia – have been working together since October 2024. Cecilia helped Leny prepare for a presentation of Leny's jewelry to potential customers. Awesome! We hope Leny was able to sell lots of jewelry!

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

I had the privilege to attend Kodjo's graduation ceremony with his tutor, Lauren, last Thursday night at MassBay. I remember when I first met Kodjo, almost four years ago. He had just signed up with Literacy Unlimited and was attending our first outside social event as we reopened after Covid. He helped me move the chairs back into the library after the event. Although his English was limited, I was so impressed with his willingness to help. Flash forward four years, and Kodjo has earned his degree and citizenship and is a wonderful man with plans to continue on with his education. While waiting for Kodjo to be called up to get his diploma I could not help but think about how fortunate we are to work with a community of such talented, motivated and giving students and tutors. Every day there are small victories which add up to some big ones from time to time. We hope you will be able to join one or more of our events this summer and have a chance to meet some of the interesting and generous people we are proud to have in our community.

Hope we see you soon,

Martha, Karen, and Marjie