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Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin

A flyer for the May Baskets Raffle. The top text reads "Celebrate Spring with the May Baskets Raffle!" in red, with "TO BENEFIT LVM LITERACY UNLIMITED" in smaller red text below it. The flyer includes details about the raffle prizes, ticket prices, and dates. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the address "49 Lexington St. • 746 Water St. • framinghamlibrary.org/literacy". The flyer is decorated with images of butterflies and a row of red and yellow tulips at the bottom.

Hi Everyone,

It is finally beginning to feel like spring around here. Hope you are enjoying long walks outside. Don't forget to take a walk around the library or the space where you and your student meet as a break and as a different opportunity to share some new English words.

General Information

First Impressions from Martha

It's official - Martha has been here 3 weeks and she has been busy learning about student/tutor pair matching, conversation classes, tutor training, budgets, etc. Here are her first impressions of the program.

Hi everyone! My name is Martha and I am the new Interim Program Coordinator for Literacy Unlimited. My first few weeks have been a whirlwind of training, introductions, meetings, and even conference workshops. Through it all, I have been blown away by the openhearted welcome I have received from the many wonderful LU volunteers and supporters I've had the pleasure of meeting over the last few weeks. If we haven't met face to face yet, please swing by the office anytime during our office hours to say hello. I am here M-F from 9am to 5pm.

12th Annual May Basket Raffle Fundraiser

Wow...we have had a great start to the May Basket fundraiser and it could be because the prizes are so cool and because there are so many generous people who frequent the library and support our unique and fabulous program. So far, we have raised \$2,135 and our goal is \$6,000. We are off to a great start, but we still have a long way to go! Help us get the word out by encouraging your friends, family, and neighbors to swing by the library and enter the raffle. If you haven't already, treat yourself or buy some raffle tickets to include as part of a birthday, graduation, or just because gift.

You can purchase raffle tickets for \$5 a single ticket or books of 5 for \$20. There is a basket for everyone (and a bike too!). The funds raised will be used to cover our operational expenses, including salaries, tutor trainers, office supplies, and materials.

Tickets can be purchased through May 31st, and the raffle drawing will be held on June 4.

May Library Closings

The Framingham libraries and **The Morse Institute in Natick** will be closed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 25 – 27 for Memorial Day Weekend.

Good to Know – For Tutors

Professional Development Workshop (PDW) – Tuesday, May 14th – Lesson Plans: The Backward Model 1:00 – 2:30 pm in Costin Room CANCELLED

The workshop has been cancelled but it will be rescheduled – stay tuned.

It's Assessment Season!

As many of you know, April, May and June is the time when we assess all students who are matched with a tutor. Our staff and several certified volunteers are administering all the assessments. So far, we have tested about 25 students and we have about 100 more tests to administer.

Thank-you to everyone who has jumped on this and completed the assessment – we really appreciate it.

If your student has not completed an assessment or has not scheduled one, please have them respond to our emails or have them contact us. If possible, we will administer the assessment at one of your weekly meetings otherwise we will schedule a time convenient for the student.

Have You Considered Taking on a Second Student?

Have you ever thought about working with more than one student? This is the perfect time to do it! Let us know about your preferences and availability and we will make it happen. We currently have about 100 students waiting to be matched with a tutor.

ESOL Tutor Training Starts in August

We are always looking for new tutors like you. There will be an in-person ESOL Tutor Training on Wednesdays August 7, 14, 21, 28 and September 4, 11 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Framingham Library. There will also be a new tutor information session on Wednesday, July 24 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm to explain the program and the training. If you know of someone who you think might be interested in becoming a tutor, please have them contact us.

fplmail4@minlib.net or 508 532 5574

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

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. Thank-you to everyone who took the time to share their activities with us this month. We think the updates below are both inspirational and instructional.

Hong and Vedrana – Hong and Vedrana have been working together since October 2023 and Hong has been reading books. They just finished a 5th book, which was “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman. You two rock! *(March 2024)*

David and Priscilla - David and Priscilla have been working together since March 2024 and David just got a job at a theater in Chestnut Hill. Congratulations David and Priscilla! *(March 2024)*

Pedro and Vincent – Pedro and Vincent have been working together since November 2023. They have successfully worked on ordering at a restaurant, setting up a doctor's appointment, and learning about US Citizenship (branches of government). Keep up the great work. *(March 2024)*

Camilla and Michele – Camilla and Michele have been working together since December 2022. Camilla just got her driver's license. Congratulations Camilla and Michele! *(March 2024)*

Creonice and Peter- Creonice and Peter have been working together since July of 2023. Creonice has recently had at least two in-person job interviews, and several phone conversations with recruiters. It's only a matter of time before Creonice will be working – good luck and keep us posted. *(March 2024)*

Last Word

As Martha settles in we are hard at work planning some new activities which we will be excited to share with you. Thank-you for reading to the end and let us know if you have any suggestions – we love hearing from you.

Have a great day,

Karen, Martha, Laurie, and Marjie