

"Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

May, 2025



Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



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Hi Everyone,

It's official! The 13th Annual May Basket Raffle fundraiser is here. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. There are 19 baskets on display at both the Framingham Public Library and the McAuliffe Branch Public library. Details about each basket are available on our website here: [May Baskets](#). Spread the word to your students, family and friends and buy lots of tickets.

Raffle tickets are \$5 for a single ticket or \$20 for a book of 5 tickets. Tickets must be purchased in-person with cash or check at the Framingham Main and McAuliffe branch libraries. Our goal is to raise at least \$6000 and so far, we have sold about \$2000 in tickets. We will also be selling tickets at the library's book sale on September 17 and at the Natick Farmer's Market on May 24.

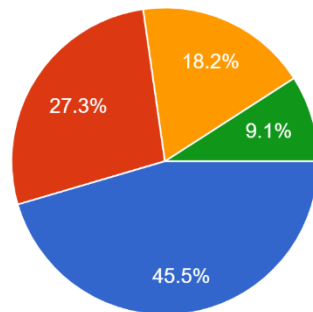
And mark your calendar for the **Raffle Drawing at 1pm on Saturday, May 31st in the Costin Room** at the Framingham Public Library!

General Information

Let's Think Spring Survey – here are the results – Thanks for Participating

What do you think about day light savings time?

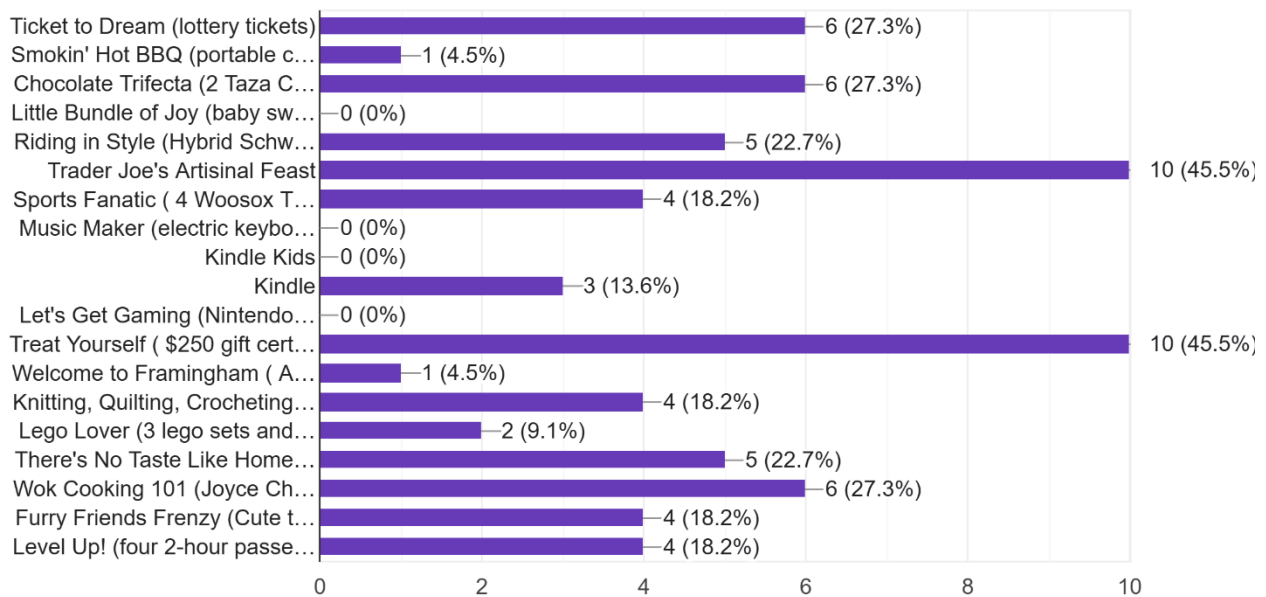
22 responses



- I love daylight savings time - I wish we had it all year long
- I like daylight savings time in the spring and summer and eastern standard time in the fall and winter
- I don't like daylight savings time - I wish we used eastern standard time all year long
- I don't feel strongly about daylight savings time

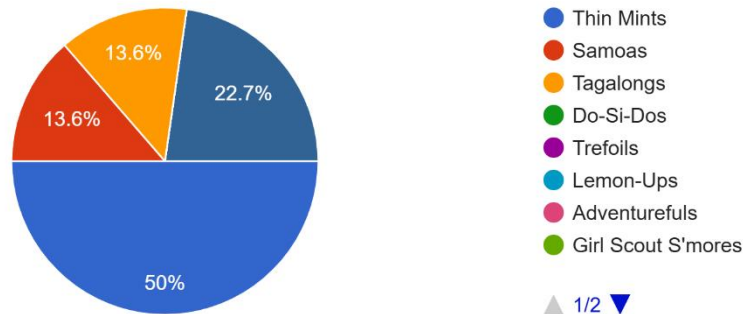
Which May Baskets are you going to buy at least one raffle ticket for. Choose all that apply.

22 responses



What is your favorite Girl Scout Cookie

22 responses



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- Toffee -Tastic
 - I don't like Girl Scout Cookies

May Library and Literacy Closings

Both Framingham libraries and the Natick Morse Institute will be closed on **Sunday May 26, and Monday, May 27** for Memorial Day.

Good to Know for Tutors

Tutor Time – BPL (Boston Public Library) Resources - Friday May 23 at 3:00 on Zoom

Did you know that any Massachusetts resident can get a free Boston Public Library e-card? Join Martha at this month's tutor time to learn about how you (and your students) can set this up, and all of the incredible, FREE resources you can access with an e-card from BPL. Resources include language learning apps, career training courses, a robust array of online databases, and much much more. Knowing how to access these resources will unlock a huge range of learning opportunities for you and your students!

Let us know if you plan to attend and we will send you a reminder and the Zoom link.

LTutor Time is a space for you, our wonderful tutors, to gather together to share questions, challenges, experiences, and more. If there is an ESOL topic or teaching strategy that you are passionate about, and you would be interested in leading a Tutor Time for the community, please let us know!

SABES (MA Public Adult Education Professional Development System) Free Workshops

SABES is a fantastic organization here in Massachusetts that provides free, online professional development workshops for adult educators across the state. The following workshops are being offered in May – you can register as a guest directly through their website if you're interested.

Wednesday, May 14

[Teaching Adult Learners With Language-Based Learning Disabilities: An Overview](#)

In this session, learn about common language-based learning disabilities ([LBLD](#)—difficulties related to the understanding and use of spoken and written language, such as dyslexia), and about specific strategies to support adult learners with LBLD.

- *May 14, 2025 | 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

Friday, May 16

[CampGPT For Adult Education: Using Generative AI To Support Teaching and Learning \(Online Blended\)](#)

Join CampGPT for Adult Education to explore how you can responsibly and effectively implement Generative AI (GenAI) in your classroom. You will get hands-on experience using AI-enabled tools to support instruction. You will also collaborate with peers to explore effective prompting, create class materials, and integrate ethical practices.

- *May 16, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*
- *May 30, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*
- *June 13, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

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

Coming soon you will be able to reserve, in advance, the Group Study Room (on the main floor) 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. We will send out an email with more details once the service goes live.

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.

Larisa and Lucy – have been working together since May 2024. Larisa passed her driving test and has enrolled in a job training program at Mass Bay for technicians who sterilize surgery rooms. Amazing!

Kodjo and Lauren – have been working together since August of 2021. Kodjo just became a US citizen. Congrats Kodjo!!

Fatiha and Les – have been preparing for Fatiha's citizenship interview. We are happy to announce that she passed the interview test. Congrats Fatiha!!

Fan and Smita – have been meeting since April 2024. Fan will be attending WPI in the fall and will be studying mechanical engineering. She has "graduated" from our program, and we are so excited to see what she does next!

Kathy S's Conversation Class – Recently Kathy's English conversation class visited the [Danforth Museum](#). Noelle Fornier, the Art School Director, led them through multiple galleries and a

drawing activity. Another creative and fun way to learn and practice English. Thanks for your creative ideas and consistent execution, Kathy!



Yong and Pete – have been working together since January. Last month we mentioned that Yong had applied for a pilot position. This month we want to share that Yong got the job as a pilot and will start training on the aircraft in September. Well done Yong!

Mirian and Martha – have been working together since February. Mirian interviewed for and got a new job. This week she started working part-time as an assistant teacher at a preschool in Natick. Congratulations on the new job, Mirian!

Sebastián and Rick – have been working together since July 2024. Sebastián successfully negotiated a new apartment lease on his own with a non-Spanish speaker. Awesome job!

Daniel and Lucy – have been working together since September 2023. Daniel has been participating in a medical interpreter program at Mass Bay. The field will be lucky to have you, Daniel!

Catia and Lee Ann - Lee Ann has been helping Catia study for the CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) written exam and we are thrilled to announce that she passed the test. Good work, Catia!

Cristina and Bonny – have been working together since June 2021. Cristina is taking a trade-related course. Previously she was not comfortable taking a course due to language barriers, she's now enrolled. What an amazing step!

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

The last word this month is short but sweet. Please, please spread the word about our May Basket raffle and buy some tickets for yourself, your family, your friends and your students!

Thanks so much,
Martha, Karen, and Marjie