

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

It is the time of year when our thoughts turn to family and friend gatherings and being grateful for all the things in our lives and all the people who so generously share their time, their gifts and their treasure with Literacy.

General Information

Literacy Unlimited 2023 Annual Appeal

We will begin mailing our annual appeal letters this week. We hope you will take the time to read Michelle’s letter and give yourself a warm hug for all you have done for the program this year. None of what we accomplished would be possible without your generous gifts of time and talents. And if you haven’t seen our Annual Report yet, you can read it here: [2023 Annual Report](#)

Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000 which directly funds the operating costs of the program (e.g., tutor training, staff salaries, subscriptions, etc.). You can read Michelle’s letter and donate now online using a credit or debit card or PayPal here: [Literacy Annual Appeal](#)

We are grateful for all you do and thank you in advance for your generous support of the program.

Year End Celebration - Tuesday, December 12th (Save the date)



We will have a fun pot-luck social event at the Framingham Library. Many more details to come but for now mark the date on your calendars – you won't want to miss this.

Tutor Survey

You can still respond to the tutor survey and we would really, really like to hear from you. Your responses really, really help us with program planning.

You can click here: <https://forms.gle/sz2JTz6zYXz53ySc6> or copy copy and paste the link in your browser.

November Library Closings:

The Framingham libraries will be closed on **Saturday November 11** in observance of Veteran's Day and will also be closed starting at **5:00pm on Wednesday, November 22 and will remain closed until 9:00am on Friday, November 24** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Morse Institute in Natick will be closed on **Friday and Saturday November 10 and 11** in observance of Veteran's day and will also be closed starting at 2:00pm on **Wednesday, November 22 and will remain closed until 9:00am on Saturday, November 25** for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Good to Know – For Tutors

Professional Development Workshop – Writing to Learn - Robin Danzak

Thursday, November 9 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm – J-Program Room - Framingham Public Library

Robin will explore the advantages of writing with English learners. Participants will experience meaningful writing activities that they can immediately use with students of all levels.

Although registration isn't required, please let us know if you plan to join us:

fplmail4@minlib.net

Upcoming Tutor Training Starting on January 18

There will be a new tutor training starting on January 18. It will be during the day, in person on Thursdays so spread the word. If you know someone who might be interested, they can get on our tutor training mailing list here: [Tutor Training Mailing List](#)

Good to Know – For Students

Computer Literacy Classes – Thursdays 10:00am – 12:00pm starting on November 9th

Peter, one of our English conversation class leaders will be leading an 8-week session on computer literacy. Students will learn basic Web navigation, email use and basic Microsoft Office tools using IBM laptops in the Technology Learning Center. If your student might be interested, please let us know: fplmail4@minlib.net Students should be at intermediate level English or higher. Space is limited!

Informal One-to-One English Conversation Sessions at the Natick Senior Center

Isabel Wesley (long-time tutor) and other volunteers meet at the Natick Senior Center (117 East Central St, Natick) on Monday mornings from 11 - 12 and hold one-to-one English conversation sessions with anyone who wants to come and practice speaking English. Each volunteer spends an hour with one student, talking about whatever the student wants to talk about. It's a great way for a student to practice speaking English. They have plenty of volunteers and would like more students. Please share this information with your student if you think they might be interested.

Tutor and Student Activities

Framingham through Time: Map Activity -Tuesday, November 21st 7:30 PM (Edgell Memorial Library, 3 Oak Street)

The intermediate level class on Tuesday evening will visit the Framingham History Center to discover the history of Framingham, from the Nipmuc Indigenous community to today. The class will learn more about the stories behind famous neighborhoods, roads, and more! The tour is open to all students and tutors, if you would like to attend, please let us know by emailing us at fplmail4@minlib.net

Pictures of Previous Tutor and Student Event

Last Tuesday afternoon a conversation class along with several tutors and students went on a walking history tour through Coburnville and Tripoli in Framingham. The students had a chance to practice their English while learning about the places where they live or drive by every day! To learn more about this event and to check-out some photos, click here: [October 2023 Walking Tour](#)

If you have an idea for a fun tutor and student activity, please let us know: fplmail4@minlib.net

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

Rebecca and Grace – Rebecca and Grace have been working together since November 2022. Grace just passed her driver's test and got her license. Congratulations! *(September, 2023)*

Laura and Kerlaine – Laura and Kerlaine started working together in April 2023. Kerlaine just got a full-time job. Way to go! *(September 2023)*

Brian and Pollyane - Pollyane took Brian's Citizenship seminar in Spring 2023, she recently passed her naturalization interview. Congrats Pollyane and Brian!

Brian and Fulya/Mustafa – Fulya and Mustafa attended Brian's Citizenship seminar and they both became citizens in August. Congratulations to all! *(August 2023)*

Last Word

As always thank-you for reading to the end. It is that time of the year when there is a lot happening for many of us and there is much going on at Literacy too. We hope that if you haven't stopped in to see us in a while, that you will stop by and say "hi" and sample some of the Halloween treats we would love to share.

Have a great day,

Karen, Michelle, Laurie, and Marjie