

## "Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

November, 2025



### Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

We are really excited to share our news with you. I hope you can join us for one of our upcoming activities. And please read the student/tutor accomplishments this month – as always, they are inspiring during what can be a dark month.

### Important Information

#### MassBay Intern Starts November 3

Please welcome Kyara to Literacy Unlimited – we are thrilled to have her. She is studying business administration and she speaks Spanish. She will be in the Literacy office helping us out on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Please say "hi" if you see her around.

#### LU Annual Appeal and 2025 Annual Report

It's the time of year for our annual funding appeal. Contributions from individual donors provide about 25% of the funding for our program every year, and we are truly grateful. We hope you will support the program in any amount that you can. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 by December 31. If you would like to make a contribution now, you can visit the [Support Us](#) page of our website for instructions on how to give via check or online.



Our **2025 Annual Report** is now available [here](#) on our website. We hope you will read it and join us in celebrating everything our program has accomplished in the last year.

### **Annual Potluck Dinner – Tuesday, December 2**



Our Annual December Potluck Dinner for volunteers and English learners will be on Tuesday, December 2 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Framingham Public Library. Every year, Literacy Unlimited hosts an event in December to bring together our community of students, staff, and volunteers. This event is a potluck, so everyone is invited to bring some food to share.

### **November Library and Literacy Unlimited Closings**

The **Framingham libraries** and the **Morse Institute Library in Natick** will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veteran's Day and on **Thursday and Friday November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving**.

Additionally, **Literacy Unlimited** will be closed on **Wednesday November 26** and on Fridays in November and December. The library will be open and tutors and classroom leaders will be able to access the Literacy space by signing in at the Circulation Desk and asking for assistance from Reference staff.

## **Tutor Workshops and Socials**

### **Tutor Social – Adina Cafe - Wednesday, November 12, 3:00 – 4:00pm**



Join us for an informal meeting with other fellow tutors to get to know each other and talk about all things tutoring. The past tutor socials have had 5 -10 tutors who grab a snack and a drink and just talk about anything. If you haven't attended a social yet, we hope you will try it out!

**Tutor Workshop – Teaching Grammar Effectively with Debbie Centamore, Monday, November 17, 6:00 – 8:00pm, In-person, Framingham Public Library – Costin Room**

This workshop will be led by Debbie Centamore, Dean of Students and Volunteer Coordinator at Framingham Adult ESL. The workshop will be an in-person event.

Debbie's workshop will address grammar topics such as:

How you can actually, and effectively, teach grammar to your English Language learners.

How to use scaffolding, or building on knowledge the student already has.

What are basic grammar questions that students have?

How do I teach when to ask "Are you" versus "Do you?"

Bring all your grammar teaching questions for this interactive, hands-on workshop.

## Tutor Sharing

**Teaching Pronunciation** – Here is an interesting article about the 5 different /t/ sounds in American English. Although this fun article is specific to the /t/ sound it may help you understand some of the challenges of learning English and help you think about how to help your English learners with other English language sounds. Thank-you to Elizabeth, an ESOL tutor, for sharing this with us. [The 5 Different T Sounds in English](#)

***If you come across a free resource that you think might be of interest to our tutors or conversation class leaders, please send us an email, and link (if applicable). We love to share your ideas with our community.***

## New Tutors

Be sure to welcome our new tutors if you see them at a volunteer event or feel free to introduce yourself to an unfamiliar face around the Literacy space. It may or may not be a new tutor but it can be fun to meet another tutor.

Uday V	Maria D
Eleanor C	Polly V
Usha A	Raj N
Maggie M	

And if you know someone who you think would be a great tutor, please refer them to us. There is a new tutor information session online on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00pm. The next tutor training will be online at night starting on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Tutor and Student Accomplishments/Activities – 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 these accomplishments we are truly grateful. Congratulations to all our silent heroes whose achievements big and small provide inspiration to us all.

**Roberta and Jin:** Jin got a job. She interviewed for a few and chose one that has flexible hours so she can be home for her kids.

**Abby and Dan:** Dan landed a full-time job with a publishing company!

**Jan and Luke:** After each tutoring session, Jan gives Luke a list of words that Luke mispronounces in the lesson. Luke says "This helps me improve step by step. Every time I complete the Words of the List, I get one step closer to English freedom."

**Valerie and Manal:** Manal started a new part of her job for the Framingham Public Schools this fall. She is the one-to-one aide for a special needs student in the 18-22 program who graduated from FHS and is now at Framingham State College taking one class. Manal goes to FSU twice a week with her student who she's known and worked with since the student was in high school. This opportunity expands Manal's experience in such wonderful ways. She's so happy to be on the campus of FSU twice a week and the exposure she's getting to a US college campus.

**Megan and Dan:** Dan is doing really well with her reading comprehension.

**Pam and Jane:** Jane read a three-page essay titled "Just Walk on By: Black Men and Public Space." We read the first page together, then she took it home and used Google translate for all the words she didn't understand. The following week we had an extended conversation about the subject matter.

***Don't forget to let us know about you and your student's accomplishments by sending us an email or including a comment when you report your monthly hours.***

## Last Word

Over the next couple of months, we will be working to get Newsy onto a new format. One of the changes you might notice is that we will no longer have you respond to the newsletter directly. Instead, there will be embedded links in the newsletter to forms to sign-up, register, or RSVP for activities. This will help us to streamline our recordkeeping. If you have a question, issue or just want to share something, you can always email us at [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net).

Whew there is a lot going on. Thank-you for reading to the end.

Martha, Karen, and Marjie