

## “Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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### Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

Eek, it is almost the Holidays. Grab a seat and a cuppa and learn how our literacy community plans to celebrate the Holidays and the Giving Season.

### General Information

#### **Literacy Unlimited Annual Appeal – Please Consider Giving**

The Annual Appeal season is upon us! Literacy Unlimited raises about 25% of our budget for the program through this yearly donation campaign. This year, our goal is to raise \$25,000 by December 31st. To reach that goal, we truly need your generous donations.

Go to the [Support Us](#) page on our website to read a copy of this year’s Annual Appeal letter and to find instructions on how to [donate](#) to this year’s campaign. And remember to check whether your current or former employer has a matching program that can make your donation go even further!

#### **Year-end Celebration and Student Recognition Potluck – Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm**

Make sure you and your student(s) hold the date! Planning is underway for our year-end social event which will be at the Framingham Public Library in the Costin room. We will send out

details and invitations in the coming weeks. This night of games, food, celebration and a chance to meet other tutors and students is always rockin’.

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

The Framingham Public Main, McAuliffe Branch, and the Morse Institute (Natick) libraries will be closed on Sunday November 10 and Monday November 11 for **Veterans Day**.

Both Framingham libraries will close at 5PM on Wednesday, November 27 and will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 for the **Thanksgiving holiday**. The Natick library will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 for the **Thanksgiving holiday**.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Because we have so many new students, the wait for a student to be matched with a tutor can be very long. If you are interested in tutoring another student or a small group of students let us know by responding to this email.

## **Activities for English Learners and Tutors**

### **Field Trips with Les and Amy**

Les and Amy, two of our conversation class leaders and tutors, have been organizing fun student and tutor events. We will send all tutors an email in advance of each event and then you can email Les directly if you and/or your student would like to attend. So, watch your email for upcoming activities.

Here is the invite that was previously sent to tutors for an event this Sunday:

*Hi all!*

*Les will be visiting the Danforth Museum this weekend for their monthly Drop Into Art community art program. This program features art, interactive activities, and this month the theme centers around activism. Read more about this month's Drop Into Art program here: <https://danforth.framingham.edu/event/bilingual-drop-into-art-november/>.*

*The program will be from 1-4pm this Sunday, November 10th. Les will be there the whole time wearing a library volunteer badge.*

## **Good to Know – For Tutors**

### **Tutor Hours – Friday, November 22 3:00pm on Zoom**

This is an Informal meeting with Martha to discuss happenings at Literacy and to address your questions about the program and/or tutoring. This is also a chance to meet some other tutors and hear about their successes, challenges, and strategies for tutoring. Agenda items will be decided at the beginning of the meeting based on suggestions by the attendees. Let us know if you plan to attend by responding to this email. We will send interested tutors the Zoom link.

We are considering having two more Tutor Hours in the next few months - one focused on using ChatGPT and the other on using Ellii to support your tutoring sessions. Let us know what you think by responding to this email.

## Class Leader and Student Accomplishments – You Rock!!!!

This month we have shout-outs from two of our amazing conversation class leaders about their students' accomplishments.

**Mohadeseh and Denise** – Mohadeseh has been attending Denise's Beginner English conversation class since April of 2024. Mohadeseh was able to obtain certification and she found a job working as a dental assistant. Way to go! *(October 2024)*

**Jane and Kathy** – Jane has been attending Kathy's High Intermediate English Conversation class since September. Jane was inspired by the trip Kathy's class took to the Framingham History Center, and she decided to volunteer for the Center's recent Halloween event. Jane was in costume as a good witch and she managed the children's play area during the event. What a great display of confidence on Jane's part and a testament to the impact of Kathy's field trip. Awesome! *(October 2024)*



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 love this time of year. The weather is perfect and we are reminded of who we are, how we are all connected and how fortunate we are for the things that are dear to us. We cannot say enough how grateful we are for your volunteerism and all you do to teach our students and give of your time and talents to make this this program a success. We look forward to seeing you and thanking you in-person at our upcoming events.

Let us know what you are thinking about – we love to hear from you.

Karen, Martha, Laurie, and Marjie