

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

Fall is here, and we can feel it. We hope you are ready for leaf peeping, pumpkin spice lattes, and apple pie! Enjoy the beautiful weather, and please make yourself comfortable and read all the fantastic news we have for you. Happy Fall, You All!

**General Information**

**Literacy Unlimited 2023 Annual Report**

The annual report is available here: [Literacy Annual Reports](#) . Read all about our program and its accomplishments for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

**Literacy Unlimited 2023 Annual Appeal**

Keep an eye open for our annual appeal letter. It will be in your mailbox around the 4<sup>th</sup> week in October. The need is huge for donations to support our program. As you may have read in the news recently, Massachusetts has many new immigrants many of whom speak little to no English. Our program has seen a significant increase in the number of students seeking help with English. Your donations go directly to help fund new tutor training, books and supplies and

the salaries of the Literacy Unlimited staff. Please note that our annual appeal is signed by Michelle Cuata, not the library foundation. Last year, the library foundation raised some funds to move the Literacy's office to a new area. This is a great initiative not to be confused with Literacy's appeal.

### **Yard Sale Fundraiser**

Our first yard sale was a tremendous success. We sold \$1,376. Thank-you to everyone who donated items and to the many volunteers who helped us out. You can see some pictures of the Yard Sale here: [Yard Sale Photos](#)

### **Tutor Survey**

Only 26 tutors have responded to our tutor survey. We would love to hear from more tutors. Please take a few minutes to answer the survey on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/sz2JTz6zYXz53ySc6> (copy and paste the link in your browser)

## **Good to Know – For Tutors**

### **Professional Development Workshop – Tuesday, October 10 - English Language Proficiency Levels - By Marcel L. 1:00-3:00 PM - Costin Room - Framingham Public Library**

Learn how to match the activities planned to the level of proficiency of your student. This workshop will examine the three levels of proficiency in each of the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. By the end of this workshop, you will learn to create activities that match various proficiency levels according to designated criteria.

Although registration isn't required, we would like to know if you plan to join us [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net)

### **New Tutors Who Have Recently Completed Tutor Training**

Below are the names of the ESOL and Basic Literacy tutors who recently completed the tutor training. Congratulations new tutors!!!

Sheryl R. ESOL  
Jodie E. ESOL  
Quiana R. ESOL  
Rachel S. ESOL  
Jacqueline N. ESOL  
Ritika R. ESOL  
Saishruti K. ESOL  
Mark S. ESOL  
Lorri C. ESOL  
Elizabeth K. ESOL  
Cecilia H. ESOL  
Vedrana C. ESOL  
Karthiga M. ESOL  
Paul T. ESOL  
Sue I. BASIC LITERACY

Vivian S. BASIC LITERACY  
Elisa M. BASIC LITERACY

## Tutor and Student Activity

### New Student Registration

We registered 30 new students the third week in September. Thank-you to all the volunteer tutors who helped to register the students. We couldn't have done it without you. Each registration can take 35 – 45 minutes depending on the student's English level.

We have many students waiting for a tutor so if you would like to take on a second student, let us know.

### Partnership with Framingham History Center

The Framingham History Center is offering great opportunities for our students and volunteers to learn more about the beautiful city of Framingham. **On Tuesday October 24 at 12:30 PM**, our intermediate level conversation class will participate in **Hikes through History: Coburnville & Tripoli**. The activity is open to all tutors and students who would like to join this vibrant class and learn more about the historic Coburnville & Tripoli neighborhood in Framingham! From trains to factories, bakeries to parks, this tour will provide an insight to the vibrant history of immigration in this area of the city. This walking tour features ten stops during the 90-minute tour. Please let us know if you or your student would like to join the group. Space is limited to 20 participants. [Fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:Fplmail4@minlib.net)

### Voices From the Old Burying Ground - Complimentary Tickets for Literacy Unlimited

*Date/time: Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Time TBD*

The Framingham History Center is giving us 5 tickets for tutors and/or students who would like to join the Framingham History Center for a sunset stroll to discover some of the luminaries buried at the oldest cemetery in the city. Hear about the wrongly-accused Sarah Clayes, quick-thinking Jonathan Maynard, and Revolutionary War hero Peter Salem, just to name a few. **If you are interested, please let us know by October 16.** [Fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:Fplmail4@minlib.net)

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

**Deborah and Dhaiwal** – Deborah and Dhaiwal have been working together since June of 2023. Dhaiwal just obtained a library card. *(August, 2023)*

**Lucy and Maria** – Lucy and Maria have been working together since October 2022. Maria just had a conversation with someone in English by herself and she just passed her driver's test and got her license. Awesome work! *(August, 2023)*

**Patty and Tarys** – Patty and Tarys started working together in May 2023. Tarys is working on her resume so she can apply for a job. Way to go! *(August 2023)*

## Last Word

As always thanks so much for reading to the end. We hope you enjoy learning about all the happenings at Literacy Unlimited. We love to hear from our community so refill your cup of goodness and please take a few minutes to complete our survey by clicking on the link above or copying and pasting the link into your browser. Your voice truly helps us enhance our literacy community.

Have a great day,

Karen, Michelle, Laurie, and Marjie