

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

Happy fall y'all! Read on to find out what's happening at Literacy. You will quickly learn that we have many new students who are waiting for a tutor. If you have the time and would like to work with a second student, please let us know.

General Information

New Student Registration – Wow and Thank-you

Last week we registered 190 new students who are now waiting for an invitation to a conversation class and/or to be matched with a tutor. That is the most students we have registered at a registration in at least the last five years. And we couldn't have done it without volunteers. A huge thank-you to the following volunteers who helped us register all these students:

Helen A
Kathy S

L. J. C
Brenda F

Joan S
Les B

Merve P
Ric G
Karen D
Elizabeth K
Liliane D

Kathy S
LeeAnn F
Tina G
Kanni V
Assone J P

Lisa R
Jim M
Abby C
Ana Clara D

October Library and Literacy Closings

The Framingham Public Main Library, the McAuliffe Branch and the Morse Institute Library (Natick) will be closed on Sunday and Monday October 13 and 14 for Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day.

Volunteers Needed

With so many new students, the wait for a student to be matched with a tutor can be very long. While our students are waiting, we are trying to put them in a weekly conversation class and we are grateful to our new conversation class leaders, Maria R, Cathy W, and Laurie Y who will start new classes this month. Of course, we are also grateful to all the conversation class leaders who are back this fall to lead classes.

We are always looking for new conversation class leaders or class assistants. If you would like to consider leading a class and want to observe a class or if you would like to be class assistant, we would love to hear from you. fplmail4@minlib.net

Good to Know – For Students and Tutors Too

Have you ever wanted to refer a student to: legal services, mental health counseling, food pantries, fuel assistance programs, etc. and didn't know where to start or spent hours looking for information? We have good news! One of our English learners, Bruno, has updated the Community_Resources.pdf which can be found on our website under For Students/Resources. Or you can click here [Community Resources](#) to go directly to the document with live links to the various websites. This is a very comprehensive list of resources and we are very grateful to Bruno for updating it.

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 your student would like to attend. So, watch your email for upcoming activities. For example, here is the invite that was previously sent out for an event this Saturday:

Our next extracurricular activity has been scheduled for this Saturday, 10/5, at the Framingham History Center! Les, class leader and tutor, invites tutors and students to join him at 10:00 a.m. this Saturday for a tour of the Framingham History Center. Their current exhibition explores and explains the history of immigration to Framingham since

1960. The history center is located at 3 Oak Street in the building that was once the Edgell Memorial Library. The building is located at the Route 9 side of the Framingham Common behind the Village Hall (white building with columns). There is no charge for the visit. A member of the Center staff will brief us and lead the tour. Previous trips to the center have been really interesting and the staff are very welcoming.

He's hoping to see many of you at this and future events!

Framingham Public Library Event – Thursday, October 17, 6:00 – 7:30pm


If your student is a US citizen, they may be very interested in attending this event at the library. The program will be presented at an intermediate English level with Spanish and Portuguese interpreters available to support.



Sample Voting Ballot Breakdown

October 17, 2024 , 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm / Main Library, Costin Room

Examine a sample Framingham voting ballot for the November election, and learn about the national, state, and local election races and the ballot questions to be voted on this year.

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Good to Know – For Tutors

Professional Development – Backward Design Lesson Planning with Marcel – Tuesday, October 29 1:00-3:00pm – Framingham Public Library/Costin Room

Marcel LaVergne Ed.D. is back again this time to show us his version of backward design lesson planning. It involves:

- Goal identification
- Content identification
- Activity planning
- Assessment

It is a little different from what was shared in the tutor training and is a great way to get organized for a tutor session or conversation class.

Let us know if you plan on attending by emailing us at fplmail4@minlib.net

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

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. We think the updates below are remarkable and we know you will enjoy reading them. We are so grateful to our tutors for all you do and for taking the time to share with us. Thank-you.

Victoria and Nancy – have been working together since March of 2024. Victoria just got her driver's license. Way to go! *(August 2024)*

Marlete and Deborah – have been working together since July 2024. Marlete got a library card. What an awesome way to start the English learning journey! *(August 2024)*

Bruno and Jim – have been working together since November 2023. Bruno just got his driver's license. Wahoo! *(September 2024)*

Hanna and Jim – have been working together since October 2023. Hanna had an interview for a job as Campus Aide at Framingham High School and was offered the job. Congratulations! *(September 2024)*

Last Word

Last week I was recognized for the work I do at Literacy by one of our tutors who took the time to submit some very kind words to the Framingham Patch. I was of course thrilled and honored when I saw it. After the excitement wore off, I couldn't help but reflect on how much it meant to me and how few times I take the time to answer a survey or simply acknowledge and send a thank-you to someone who is doing a great job. This is a reminder to respond to a survey, send a thank-you, or more formally recognize acts of kindness and accomplishments by our fellow humans. We all appreciate recognition no matter how big or small.

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

Karen, Martha, Laurie, and Marjie