

"Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

What glorious weather we have been having and now it actually feels like fall. Read on to find out what is happening at Literacy.

General Information

September Student Registration

We are happy to announce that we registered 96 new English learners who are now on our waiting list for a tutor. 38 of these prospective tutees were already attending group classes with our program, and we will work on placing the others over the months to come, while keeping an eye out for good tutor-student matches! If you are interested in taking on a new student or would like to work with a second student, please contact us.

A huge thank-you to the following volunteers who helped us register the new students. We couldn't have done it without them and they did a fantastic job.

Helen A	Lee Ann F	Valerie R
Les B	Barbara T	Claudia B
Brenda F	Larry E	Debbie L
Lucette N	Rick G	Pam R
Lauren S	Janis K	Kathy S
Nancy B		

Hold the Date – 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. Mark your calendars as you don't want to miss this popular event. More details to come as we get closer to the date.

October Library and Literacy Unlimited Closings

The **Framingham libraries** and the **Morse Institute Library in Natick** will be closed on Sunday and Monday October 12 and 13 for Indigenous Peoples Day.

Literacy Unlimited will be closed on Fridays in October, 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 Tutor Socials

Tutor Social – Padaria Brasil – Thursday, October 16, 5:00 – 6:30pm



Photo from Padaria Brasil website

Doesn't that pizza look delicious? There will be a "Tutor Social" at Padaria Brasil (165 Concord St) on Thursday, October 16 at 5:00pm. This is an informal gathering to allow tutors to share ideas and experiences, and just get to know each other. Padaria Brasil is a traditional Brazilian bakery with a wide selection of Brazilian pizza, burgers and all kinds of baked goods. Check out the menu here: [Padaria Brasil](https://www.padaria.com.br/en-us)

Workshop – Successful Practice Activities for ESOL Lessons Saturday, October 25, 10:00am – 11:30am **In-person Framingham Public Library – Costin Room**

In this workshop, Eric Shuel – a longtime ELL teacher and teacher trainer – will present several tried-and-true, easy-to-plan activities that can be incorporated into almost any lesson, with learners ranging from beginner to advanced. The activities are easy to create using pictures or index cards and they can be used to practice vocabulary or grammar topics. The last 30 minutes will be a Q&A with Eric.

Eric has also written a set of reference books for ESL tutors. There are 3 types of books:

1. A collection of practice activities for common beginner, intermediate and advanced level ESL topics and grammar
2. A collection of worksheets for commonly taught ESL topics and grammar
3. Model stories that introduce commonly taught topics and grammar

He will be showing the books after the workshop if anyone is interested in purchasing them

Please let us know if you want to join Eric's workshop so that we have an idea of how many tutors plan to attend.

New Tutors

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming our newest tutors who just completed the training. We are so happy to introduce them to the program and to match them with an English learner.

Michele R	Scott I	Rhiannon T
Mitul R	Alissa T	Morgan O
Kaitlin K	Deb F	Matthew M

Conversation Class Circles – Westboro and Marlboro Libraries

The Westborough, MA library now has [conversation circles](#) for those wanting to practice English language skills. [Marlborough Public Library](#) hosts English conversation circles as well. These could be great resources for students who live in these areas and/or are looking for more in-person English conversation practice. The Westborough library is temporarily located in the Roche Brothers shopping area – Bay State Green. It is on the ground level of the Community center.

Tutor and Student Accomplishments/Activities – Take the Win!!!

Here are some interesting milestones our students are reaching with the help of their tutors. Congratulations to all our silent heroes whose achievements big and small provide inspiration to us all.

Ryan and Changzhen - Changzhen successfully passed her driver's test. Congratulations Changzhen!

Martha and Mirian – Mirian enrolled in an Early Childhood Education program at a local community college this fall. Way to go, Mirian!

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

We hope you can join us for one of our October events – we would love to see you in-person. And if there is anything you would like to share with us, please do so. We love to hear from you.

Martha, Karen, and Marjie