

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony last Wednesday means we are officially at home in our beautiful new space. We are grateful for all the tutors and students who joined us. It was an inspiring event and it definitely increased our visibility with city and state leaders.

General Information

Literacy Unlimited Annual Report

Are you interested in what our Literacy Unlimited community accomplished over the past year? Check-out our 2024 Annual Report here [FY 2024 Annual Report](#) It's all in there. We can't thank each and every one of you enough for your contributions. You are making a huge difference in the community.

September Library and Literacy Closings

There are no more closings in September.

Volunteers Needed

New Student Registration Volunteers Needed

During the week of September 23, we will be registering new students at the Framingham Public Library and will need tutor volunteers to help students complete the student registration form. If you are interested in helping us, you can sign-up here: [Student Registration Volunteer Sign-up Form](#) If you are interested in volunteering at the Morse Institute (Natick Library) student registration you can indicate that on the form and we will contact you about days and times.

Tutor/Student Pairs

Would you be interested in bringing your student to one of our tutor training sessions to explain in-person what it is like being a tutor? We need student tutor pairs for a Saturday morning on September 21 or 28 and a Thursday afternoon on October 24 or 31. If you meet with your student during one of these times, we would love to have you pop into a new tutor training session for about 15 minutes. Let us know if you might be interested by emailing us fplmail4@minilib.net. The student tutor pair visit to a tutor training session is one of the most popular components of our training.

Good to Know – For Students

Semi-Annual Student Registration

Our fall new student registration will be during September 23 – September 26 at the Framingham Public Library. Dates and times are posted on our website here [New Student Registration](#). Don't forget to mention registration to your students so they can spread the word to their friends and family.

Preparation for U.S. Citizenship Seminar

This is an 11-week seminar to help students prepare for the Naturalization Interview for US Citizenship. The seminar will be held on Wednesday evenings from October 9 to December 18 from 7:00 – 8:30pm at the Framingham Public Library. Students must speak English at the intermediate level or higher and registration is required. If your student is interested, they should contact us.

Activities for English Learners and Tutors

FPL Celebrates Brazilian Independence Day – September 8th 2-4pm Framingham Public Library – Costin Room

Rejane de Musis and Mass Capoeira will join participants for an all-ages afternoon of Brazilian dance and stories. Rejane de Musis will host a special music and story-time event in Portuguese followed by a dynamic and interactive performance by Mass Capoeira including live music and singing, explanations of basic movements, acrobatic solos, and a capoeira roda.

Introduction to American Government – September 17th 7pm Framingham Public Library – Costin Room

Our very own Brian Judge will lead this 90-minute program that will give an overview of how government is structured in the US at the national, state, and local levels. Live translation will be provided.

Good to Know – For Tutors

Professional Development – Miniseries on Art, Creativity, and Literacy – the 2nd Session in the Mini-Series is Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00 – 7:30pm, Framingham Main Library, Costin Room

Learning, Well-Being, & Creativity – Sherry Ruff

Strong global evidence shows that learning & well-being are interconnected. Education is considered a key determinant of health. Creativity is recognized as an important factor in learning & well-being, as well.

Are you interested in:

How creativity is interconnected with learning & well-being?

What positive impacts creativity offers?

How creativity can be integrated in ESOL/ABE education to promote learning & health?

Why is this important for our adult education community?

How creative learning experiences can be incorporated in our ESOL tutoring and educational programs?

If you answered yes to any of the above, come join this interactive workshop to discover more about learning, well-being & creativity. We will explore global & local efforts, as well as cultural shifts occurring as a result. Framingham will be of special focus throughout our explorations. You will have the opportunity to create your own action plan for incorporating creative learning experiences in your tutoring and conversation classes.

Sherry Ruff, MPH is a public health, language & education professional with expertise in: health education, Spanish & ESL. Public health specializations: multicultural, multilingual & vulnerable populations.

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

A New Curriculum to Try with Your Student - BurlingtonEnglish

BurlingtonEnglish is a comprehensive, blended curriculum that fully integrates all four communication skills, grammar, and life skills from beginning to advanced levels. The flexible, web-based curriculum combines teacher-led instruction with online independent student lessons that complement and reinforce concepts taught in class or in a tutoring session.

Literacy Unlimited may be able to get multiple licenses for tutors. I will be attending a Burlington English information session on September 5th and will contact interested tutors after the session with more details about the program. If you are interested in learning more about this new resource, please email us fplmail4@minlib.net.

Upcoming ESOL Information Sessions and Tutor Training

We are looking for new tutors. If you know someone who you think might be interested, please have them contact us. Below are our scheduled new tutor information sessions and tutor trainings for the rest of the year.

Information Sessions:

Thursday, September 26 1:30 – 2:30pm at the Framingham Library – Costin Room and Zoom

Tutor Trainings:

Saturdays September 14, 21, 28 and October 5 from 9:15am – 1:15pm
Framingham Public Library – Technology Learning Center

Thursdays October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, 21 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm
Framingham Public Library – Costin Room

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 are so grateful to our tutors for all you do and for taking the time to share with us. Thank-you.

Silvania and Jane – have been working together since June of 2023. Silvania just passed her driver's license test. Congratulations to this team. *(July 2024)*

Last Word

Whew, another Newsy packed with news. I hope you enjoy reading our monthly newsletter and we hope to see you at one or more of our September events.

Karen, Martha, Laurie, and Marjie