

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

Did you know that this Thursday, September 8th is International Literacy Day? We want to take the time to recognize our volunteers for the great difference they make in so many students' lives. THANK-YOU AND HAPPY INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY!

General Information

Yard Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, September 23 from 9:00am - 2:00pm Rain or Shine

Do you have “stuff” around your home that you would like to donate to our fundraiser? We are interested in gently used kitchenware, small home décor items, seasonal goods, games and toys, sporting goods, backpacks and purses, clothing items, baby items, glassware and tools. We **can't** accept large appliances, automobile parts, construction materials, damaged furniture, flammable materials, food, infant products, mattresses, computers, tablets, phones, TV and computer monitors and weapons. Not sure if you can donate something? – Contact us at fplmail4@minlib.net or 508 532 5574.

Donated items can be dropped off at the Literacy Center the week of **September 18**.

Panera Bread Fundraiser

Thank-you to everyone for going out to Panera Bread on a rainy night in July. We raised \$124 which will go toward the cost of printing our annual report.

Tutor Survey

You should have received our tutor survey on 8/16. We are trying to update our database and improve our program. Please take a few minutes to answer the survey if you haven't already. You can access it by clicking the link below. If the link doesn't take you directly to the survey, please copy and paste it on your browser. We highly recommend filling it out on a computer rather than a cellphone.

Good to Know – For Tutors

Ellii Password is Changing Today

We are changing the Ellii password as of today. We will send an email to all active tutors with the new password this afternoon.

Professional Development Workshop – Teaching Marginalized Students - By Robin Danzak Thursday, September 21st 6:00 - 7:30 PM Framingham Public Library-Technology Learning Center

Sometimes, immigrant students have a wealth of life experience, but may have limited experience with formal education. They are not only learning a new language, but how to navigate a totally different culture. In this workshop, participants explore approaches to connect with and engage marginalized students to fully support them as they learn and grow in their new communities.

Although registration isn't required, we would like to know if you plan to join us
fplmail4@minlib.net

Tutoring Resources: Do you feel that your weekly lessons are stale or are you looking for something new to try with your student? Check-out these tutor recommended resources on our website here: [Tutor Resources](#). Here are the topics you can explore:

Tutor Resources

For all tutors, new or experienced, these pages should help you with ideas for your lessons. If you have suggestions for websites or books or podcasts to add to this listing, just let the [Literacy Unlimited office](#) know!

Recommended for Beginning Learners

Resources for Lesson Content Including Worksheets

Websites with News and Current Events

Storytelling and Tools to Encourage Conversation

Tutoring with Videos

Pronunciation

Self-study for Students

Recommended Books

ESOL Tutor Training In-person Tuesdays Oct 10 – Nov 21 Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:30pm

We are always looking for new tutors. If you know someone who you think would make a good tutor, please have them contact us. The next tutor training session starts on October 10th and ends on November 14th. It will be on six consecutive Tuesday nights from 6:00 – 8:30pm and will meet at the Framingham Library in the Costin Room. New tutors have to register with us to attend.

There will be a **New Tutor Information Session on Tuesday, September 26th 6:00 – 7:00pm** in the Technology Learning Center at the Framingham Library. Anyone who is interested in becoming a tutor is strongly encouraged to attend an information session.

Tutor and Student Activity

New Student Registration – We Need Tutor Volunteers to Register Students

We will be registering new students on **September 18, 19, and 20 from 10:00am to 12:00pm and from 5:00pm to 7:00pm**. Students can stop by the office to complete a full registration form which will put them on our waiting list to be matched with a tutor. If you or your students know someone who would like to register for a tutor please share this information with them.

We also need volunteers to help us complete the student registration form. If you are available during one or more of the above time slots and would like to register new students, let us know. Fplmail4@minlib.net.

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

Rebecca and Grace - Rebecca and Grace have been working together since December 2022. Grace recently passed her driver's written test with eighteen correct questions out of twenty. She is very grateful to Rebecca, who helped her prepare for the test. Congrats Rebecca and Grace! (August, 2023)

Valerie, William and Nafisat - Nafisat was accepted into a General Studies program and will be working toward a Nursing Major. William and Valerie have been working with Nafisat on Math, English, Science and Social Studies to pass her placement tests. *Nafisat: I can't mention enough how helpful having both of my tutors were after writing standardized tests for a long time now.* Way to go Nafisat, Valerie and William! *(August 2023)*

Stephanie and Sandra - Sandra just passed her citizenship test. Stephanie and Sandra have worked together since January 2020. Great job Stephanie and Sandra! *(August, 2023)*

Kathy and Diego - This pair been working together for over 4 years. At the onset of Covid, Diego lost his job when the restaurant where he was working closed. Determined to move on, he decided to start cooking in his kitchen at home and promoted himself as a private caterer. Fast forward to today and Diego provides a variety of *empanadas* (a baked Brazilian entree) to several Brazilian markets. Recently, Diego led an in-person cooking class in English at the Somerville Library and due to its success has been invited to host another cooking class at the Library. Way to go Diego and Kathy! *(August 2023)*

Andrea and Glauber - Andrea and Glauber started working together in February 2022. Glauber recently obtained his green card. Congrats to Andrea and Glauber. *(August 2023)*

Joel and Garry – Joel and Garry have been working together since November 2022. Gary recently obtained his driver's license. Congrats to Joel and Garry. *(August 2023)*

Last Word

We hope you enjoyed the beautiful Labor Day weekend – it seems summer has arrived just in time for the leaves to change. Thank-you for reading to the end and we would really like to see you soon at the literacy center or at one or more of our September events.

Have a great day,

Karen, Michelle, Laurie, and Marjie