

"Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

Happy September! Cool nights, warm days and a chance to reset. Read on for happenings at Literacy.

General Information

Jack's Abby Social

It was so nice to catch-up with tutors and students who we hadn't seen in a while. Thanks to everyone who stopped by for a bite. We are grateful for the over \$350 raised by the event.

September Library and Literacy Unlimited Closings

Literacy Unlimited will be closed on Fridays in September, October, November and December. The library will be open and tutors and classroom leaders will be able to access the Literacy space.

Now that summer is over, the Framingham libraries and the Morse Institute library are open on Sundays.

Tutor Workshops and Tutor Times

Tutor Time – Tools in Your Toolbox: Using Google Translate and online dictionaries as tutoring and self-study resources – Monday, September 15, 4:00 – 5:00pm on Zoom

While we encourage you to use full English immersion with students wherever possible, there are times when online translation tools are invaluable for both you and your students. Join Program Coordinator Martha Coleman on Zoom at 4pm, on Monday, September 15th, for an in-depth look at when and how to use Google Translate, online dictionaries, and other critical language-learning tools. Learn how these technologies can be used as tools to augment your tutoring sessions and to support your student(s) as they study at home and engage with English in their daily lives.

Let us know if you plan to attend by responding to this email and we will email you a reminder and the Zoom link.

Workshop - Pronunciation for ESL Teachers with Debbie Centamore – Friday, September 26, 10 - 12:30pm – BRACE, 500 Waverly Street, Framingham

This workshop will be led by Debbie Centamore, Dean of Students and Volunteer Coordinator at Framingham Adult ESL. The workshop will be an in-person event. Last spring the tutors who attended this workshop provided very positive feedback. If you couldn't attend it last spring (or you'd like a refresher), we highly recommend you attend this session. If you haven't already, please let us know if you are interested by responding to this email. We will forward details about the event to those who are interested.

Give us Your Opinion on Tutor Times and Tutor Workshops

We are in the process of planning our Tutor Time and Workshop topics and tutor socials for our fiscal year. We have some ideas but want to hear from you. We have received 10 responses to our survey so far – Thank- you!!! However, we would really like to hear from a few more of you. If you haven't responded yet, please take our short (3 question) survey by clicking here: [Survey](#)

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a tutor?

Our tutors and classroom leaders are awesome. Do you know some like you who might like to be a tutor or conversation class leader? If so, please have them contact us or send them to our webpage to sign-up for a new volunteer information session. Our next information session is on Saturday, September 13 at 10:00am on Zoom.

English Tutor Program Registration (aka Student Registration)

Registration for the waiting list for an English tutor is next week on Monday (10 – 12pm and 2 – 4pm), and on Tuesday and Wednesday (10-12pm and 4-7pm). Our program registration only happens twice a year, so if your tutored student or class students know someone who would like to work with a tutor, please let them know student registration is next week.

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.

Anna and Cindy – Anna just got a library card. She seems excited about taking out some DVDs and things from the Library of Things. Welcome to the big, wide world of borrowing!

Magda and Sedi - Magda is reading young adult books now. Way to go!

Aristotel and Michael - Aristotel is reading *King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table*.

Ana and Diane - visited the mosaic art on display in the Framingham library lobby and discussed what they saw. Terrific way to break up the routine and incorporate something new in the learning process.

Leandro and Eric - Leandro got his driver's license and work permit. Great work!

Anne and Cynthia - Anne got two jobs. Congratulations!

Juan and Tina - Juan offered a summer camp for kids who love baking. How awesome is that?

Soufi and Kathy – Soufi, a student in Kathy's class, is reading *44 Scotland Street* and enjoying it. Wow, it is 325 pages long!

Rolande, Elena, and Kathy – Rolande and Elena, students in Kathy's class, attended the tutor workshop on Art, Creativity, and Literacy. That's an impressive milestone for these two English learners.

Rolande and Elaine – These two met at our workshop on art and literacy back in August. They immediately connected over their shared love of art, and were thrilled to discover they could work together as a student-tutor pair. Sometimes matches are truly meant to be!

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

Thanks for reading to the end. We hope you enjoyed the newsletter and will let us know if there is something we can do to improve it.

Martha, Karen, and Marjie