



Literacy Unlimited

Volunteer Newsletter - September 2026

Hi Everyone,

Hello fall! I hope you all were able to recharge over the summer and are ready to jump into fall activities. This newsletter has updates about our 40th anniversary celebration ([tickets are on sale now](#)), upcoming changes to our student registration process and new volunteer opportunities, and other ways to get involved. Read on for more details.

In gratitude,
Karen, Marjie, and Martha

Upcoming Events and Activities

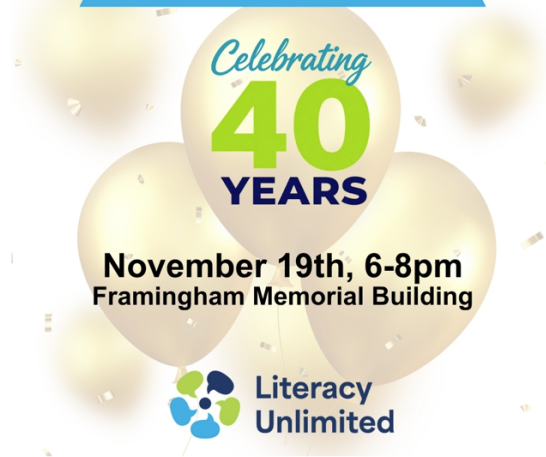
Tutor Time – New Process for Registering Students and New Volunteer Opportunities - Wednesday, September 23, 6 - 7:00 pm on Zoom

Typically, at this time, we ask for volunteers to help us with our new student registration in September. But after looking at our processes for registering new students and for matching them with tutors, we are making some changes. The first change is to eliminate the student registrations in September and February in favor of rolling intakes. If you want to learn more about the revised processes and how you can volunteer, please join us for a discussion about the current process, what works and what could be improved, and the changes we will be making. We will be looking for volunteers to meet new students and collect registration information, but the timing and intake form will be different.

If you volunteered in the past to help with student registration or if you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity, please join us to learn more. You can sign up for this Tutor Time and get the Zoom link [here](#). This session will be recorded and shared out with all volunteers for future reference, but we would love for you to attend live if you can!

Buy Your Ticket – Celebrating 40 Years - Thursday, November 19, 2026 - 6-8 pm

TICKETS ON SALE



This fall will mark 40 fabulous years since Literacy Unlimited was founded. We have much to celebrate, and we want you to be part of the festivities. Our 40th Anniversary Celebration will be at the Framingham Memorial Building (City Hall). The evening's program will feature live music, catered small bites, student and volunteer stories about their experiences, official recognitions from state and local representatives, and more! This event will be part party, part fundraiser, and a whole lot of fun. You won't want to miss this.

A standard ticket costs \$40, but if you are an active tutor, please check your email, including your spam folder, for a special discount code that was included in an email on September 1. Invite your family, partners, friends, and business associates. The only exception is that children are not allowed to attend this event. Feel free to discuss with your students. They will be invited separately, and active students will receive a special ticket discount code. Don't wait to buy your tickets; there are plenty available now, but they are limited.

If you would like to join us at the Literacy Unlimited 40th Anniversary Celebration, please follow these steps to reserve your ticket:

Visit: <https://givebutter.com/literacy-unlimited-40th-anniversary-event-cdmrmq>

- Click "Donate & Tickets".
- There is also an option to give an additional donation if desired.
- Enter your payment details.

IMPORTANT: The website will default to adding a tip for the Givebutter platform. You can remove this. You are not required to pay a tip or processing fees on your donation.

40th Anniversary Sponsorships - Help us spread the word!

We are looking for local businesses who would like to be a sponsor for the event and/or purchase ad space in our program. Tutors and class leaders are also invited to purchase ad space in the program to give a shoutout to their students! Please read the details below to learn how you can support this critical fundraising effort.

The Literacy Unlimited program is supported each year by funds raised through Literacy Unlimited of Framingham Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit whose board is made up of active volunteers and community members.

How you can help:

1. **Email** info@literacyunlimitedfoundation.org to let our Literacy Unlimited of Framingham Foundation board know you're interested in helping.
2. **Forward this information and the [Sponsorship Packet](#)** to your friends, family, or boss to see if they would like to sponsor the 40th Anniversary Celebration or advertise their business.
3. **Let us know** if you would like to be a sponsor for the event or if you have a business you'd like to advertise! Contact info@literacyunlimitedfoundation.org.
4. **Pick up print copies** of the sponsorship packet, the sponsorship cover letter, the Literacy Unlimited FY25 Annual Report, and our volunteer outreach flyer to hand out in-person at your dentist, hair salon, or favorite local coffee shop.

We want this to be as easy for you as possible. Please email info@literacyunlimitedfoundation.org if you want to help with this effort. The sooner, the better!

Program Updates and Announcements

Library and Literacy Office Closures

Sunday Library Hours - The Framingham libraries will reopen on Sundays beginning on September 13th.

Remember to Refer New Tutors!



If you know someone who you think would make a great tutor, please refer them to us. Our next volunteer information sessions will be on **Friday, September 11 at 10:00 am** and on Monday September 28 at 6:00 pm. Both sessions will be hybrid. Interested individuals can contact us directly or sign up for the info session [here](#) on our web page.

Citizenship Seminar for Students

We are in the process of finalizing the dates for a fall Citizenship Seminar. The seminar is 11 sessions long and will meet in-person twice a week at the Framingham Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. The Seminar will start on October 7 and end on November 24. If your student is interested in learning about US government, civics, and preparing for the citizenship interview, please have them complete this [Citizenship Class Interest Form](#).

Volunteer Opportunity - Dia Feliz

Dia Feliz Adult Day Health Center in Framingham is Looking for a Volunteer

The Center is a daytime program serving adults 18 and older. Their participants receive meals, nursing support, activities, companionship, and round-trip transportation.

They are looking for a volunteer to lead a friendly and practical English (ESL) conversation group at their center for approximately 40 to 45 minutes once a week. This would not be a formal class. The goal is to help participants practice everyday English, build confidence, and enjoy learning together.

Teaching experience would be helpful but is not required. They are looking for someone patient, welcoming, and excited to make a difference locally.

If you or someone you know might be interested, contact:

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Marketing & Community Relations Manager
Dia Feliz Adult Day Health Center in Framingham
P: (508) 270-1080 M: (508) 333-9355

Last Month in Review

August 26 - Tutor Time - Becoming a Conversation Class Leader

Thank you to all of the active and prospective class leaders who joined us for last month's Tutor Time discussion. This session was a conversation-based round table; experienced class leaders shared what they love about working with groups, and other tutors shared what they were interested in learning about assisting, co-teaching, or leading classes. It is such a privilege to facilitate conversations like these and

witness the collective wisdom and experience of our incredible volunteer community. This session was not recorded, but if you are interested in learning more about leading a conversation class, assisting in a class, or being added to our email list for class substitutes, please email the office at fp@mail4@minlib.net.



Thanks for a great summer class, Olivia!

This spring, Olivia (third from the left) reached out and asked whether we had any volunteer opportunities for the summer while she was on break. She had experience working 1-1 with adult English learners at the public library near her college, and she really enjoyed it.

We invited her to work with a small group of 5 low-beginner English learners from our waitlist, and they met weekly on Tuesdays throughout the summer. Olivia did a fantastic job, and even shared some of her [lesson slideshows](#) with us to use as examples for future class leaders. Thanks Olivia! We wish you all the best for the coming school year.

Resource Highlight

Elizabeth, one of our active tutors, really enjoys working with higher-level English learners to find out what jobs they might be suited for or how they can transfer their skills and knowledge to a new job. If you are helping a student with this step on their journey, here is a helpful website: [O*NET OnLine](#). On the website, you can search for job possibilities and the projected number of jobs that may be available in the future. If your student is interested in getting a new job or seeing what they can do with their degree/education, and if they are ready for the vocabulary, try the [Interest Profiler](#) with your student. The Interest Profiler covers education from a high school diploma (or some high school) up to advanced degrees.

We are grateful to Elizabeth for sharing this resource with us. If you have a resource that you would like to share with our learning community, let us know.

Celebrations and Accomplishments

Tutor/Student Accomplishments - Take the Win!!!

Here are some fantastic milestones our students are reaching with the help of their tutors. To the tutors who took the time to share their accomplishments and inspiring activities, we are truly grateful. By the way, tutors are doing a great job of sharing with us, and these are just samples of accomplishments reported – there are too many to include them all. Congratulations to all our silent heroes whose achievements, big and small, inspire us all.

- **Nancy and Sun Woo** - Sun Woo started volunteering at Daniel's Table.
 - **Lee Ann and Kyoko** - Kyoko is working on writing essays that are in the American style and form.
 - **Barbara and Jing Jing** - Jing Jing made all travel arrangements for the whole family in English for trips to China, Puerto Rico, New York, and Hawaii, including the use of coupons and discounts.
 - **Steven and Rafael** - Rafael mastered: 1) present, past, future simple conjugations of "to be"; 2) use of prepositions on, in, and at; 3) use of "to do" as an auxiliary verb.
 - **Zelda and Petra** - Petra is working on using English with her family. They are trying to use English as their primary public language.
 - **Usha and Shathana** - Shathana has been accepted to MassBay's 2-year Nursing program. This is a great step towards her goal of becoming a registered nurse!
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Thank You to Our Grantors!



**\$6,000 Grant Awarded to
Literacy Unlimited of
Framingham Foundation**

We are thrilled to announce that ProLiteracy – one of the world's leading literacy organizations – has graciously awarded a \$6,000 grant to Literacy Unlimited of Framingham Foundation through their Literacy Opportunity Fund. This funding will help cover critical operational and programmatic costs of the Literacy Unlimited program. Thank you, ProLiteracy, for supporting our mission and work!

We would like to thank all of our FY27 grantors for their support:



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