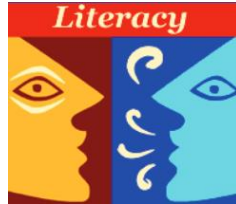


“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

October 13, 2020



Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bi-Weekly Bulletin!

Hi everyone,

New Student Registration

We will be officially kicking off **online** new student registration starting November 1st with an announcement in the Framingham Public Library November monthly newsletter. We also plan to publicize new student registrations with paper flyers in strategic locations in Framingham. The new online student registration form is live on the Library website ([Online Student Registration Form](#)) if you want to take a peek at it.

New Tutor Virtual Training

A pilot new tutor virtual training is planned to run from October 26th to November 12th. The pilot is intended to train a small number of new tutors and at the same time get feedback from students and trainers on the new program. Scheduling for another tutor training, after the pilot, is in the planning stages.

Upcoming Tutor Meetings

We continue to meet on every other Tuesday afternoon for tutor technology. And on alternating weeks we meet on Thursday nights for Tutor office hours. See below for ZOOM meeting information.

Week of:	Tuesday	Thursday
October 12	10/13 – Tutor Technology	
October 19		10/22 – Tutor Office Hours
October 26	10/27 – Tutor Technology	
November 2		11/5 – Tutor Office Hours

Weekly Conversation Classes

Several of our special conversation classes will be ending in October. Thank-you to Lucy Costa and Tim Hamilton for leading the first Civics class!

And thank-you also to Denise Corless for leading Book Club which finished reading Seedfolks. Book Club will start again in a couple of weeks. The next book will be “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”. It is a very well-known fantasy novel by C.S. Lewis. If you have a student who you think might be interested in Book Club, let us know. Fplmail4@minlib.net

We are always interested in new ideas for conversation classes. If you are interested in leading a new conversation class or have an idea for a special conversation class, contact us. Fplmail4@minlib.net

Online student registration for conversation classes is closed for now; however, there is limited space in some classes. If you have a student who could benefit from attending a class let us know fplmail4@minlib.net and we will try to find a space for them.

Tutor Meetings

Over the summer we presented many digital resources for tutors. You can find a comprehensive list on the Literacy website here [Tutor Resources](#)

If you have used a specific resource(s) for tutoring, we would really like to have you share your experience with other tutors. Similarly, if you are interested in learning more about a specific technology or digital resource, let us know Fplmail4@minlib.net We would like to plan our tutor meetings based on your feedback so they meet your needs.

Tutor Technology Meeting – Tuesday, October 13th at 2:00 PM

Laurie Christie will give us ideas for lesson “warm-ups” and “cool-downs”.

Tutor Technology Meeting – Tuesday, October 27th at 2:00 PM

Topic(s) to be determined by tutors and conversation class leaders.

Virtual Office Hours for Tutors – Thursday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM (*Next meeting will be on Thursday, November 5th*)

The Agenda is open - all topics are welcome – it is always an interesting discussion. Last week we discussed different options for working on pronunciation with students. We also discussed some ideas for continuing to engage tutors in our new virtual reality.

Blended Tutoring, Distance Tutoring or Remote Tutoring

Easy English News

We have an obtained a paid subscription to the digital version of Easy English News. It is a monthly newsletter about current events and interesting topics. It has supporting materials like a teacher’s guide, cloze exercises, crossword puzzles, links to relevant videos, etc. If you would like to try it out, email us at Fplmail4@minlib.net for the link and password. We are very interested in what you think about it and how it compares to our other paid subscriptions “News for You” and the ESL library.

Good to Know

Here are two links to important information about the 2020 elections and protecting voting rights that you may wish to share with your students:

<https://framinghamlibrary.org/services/voting-2020-elections>

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/protecting-your-right-to-vote>

Final Thoughts

I had a chance to read “Contextualizing Adult Education: Learning from Six Decades of Experience and Research”. It is a five-page research brief provided by ProLiteracy (News for You publisher). If you would like a copy of the article, email me. A long time ago, I took a couple of post graduate courses in education and remember learning about “relevant” content and its importance in successful teaching. Today the term is “contextual” and in my prior job, everything was about producing “contextual” content. Perhaps we should coin a new phrase, “contextual tutoring”. The basis of our tutoring is to have the student define the content so it is “contextual”. These unprecedented times can make it hard for tutors to stay energized, focused and upbeat. But in the end it is all about the students and how we can help them persevere in learning a difficult language in challenging times. Thank-you so much for your continued efforts to help all our students.

Hope you have a great week and stay healthy and safe,

Karen