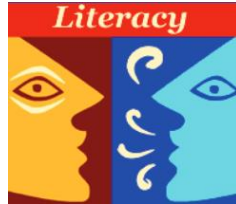


“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

November 9, 2020



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

New Student Online Registration and Conversation Classes

We have registered approximately 20 new students using online registration. We have placed most of these students in a conversation class including a new Beginner class that will be on Thursday nights at 7:00 PM beginning on December 3rd. Our classes are once again quite full with only a few open spaces. If you are interested in leading a conversation class or teaching several students at one time, please let us know fplmail4@minlib.net

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
November 9	11/10 – Tutor Technology	
November 16		11/19 – Tutor Office Hours
November 23	No Meetings – Happy Thanksgiving!	
November 30	12/1 Tutor Technology	

Weekly Conversation Classes

There are still a few open spots in the book club. They started on October 28th but if you have a student who wishes to join and is willing to catch-up let us know. fplmail4@minlib.net The book is “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” and is available online as a pdf here:

http://mscerdasenglish.weebly.com/uploads/8/3/7/2/83721436/the_complete_chronicles_of_narnia_volumes_1-7_in_order_of_publication_1.pdf

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

Tutor Meetings

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, November 10th at 2:00 PM

Laurie Christie will explain how you can use music and video as part of your tutoring or in conversation classes.

Tutor Technology Meeting – Tuesday, December 1st at 2:00 PM

Topic(s) to be determined by tutors and conversation class leaders. Please let us know if there is a topic or technology you would like to explore.

Virtual Office Hours for Tutors – Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 PM













The Agenda is open - all topics are welcome – it is always an interesting discussion.

Joining a ZOOM meeting: Click here [Literacy Unlimited/Covid-19 Ideas](#) for ZOOM download instructions for Android and iPhone/iOS devices. If you don't have video capability, you can just call into the meeting. Liehua has helped several tutors, who have called into a meeting, to set up the video at a later date.

Blended Tutoring, Distance Tutoring or Remote Tutoring

Looking for some ideas to get students talking. Here are a few places to start.

ESL Library - Scroll to the bottom of almost any ESL page. You will see the following links to timely topics and their respective English levels. There is something for everyone.

New Lessons	Featured Lessons	Featured Collections
 Video – Articles (BEG)	 Remembrance Day (LIT - PRE BEG)	 Science Matters
 Hoarding Vaccines (INT - HIGH INT)	 Diwali (INT)	 Politics & Government
 Exercise Club – Simple Present (BEG)	 Thanksgiving (US) (LIT - PRE BEG)	 COVID-19
 /o/ (BEG - LOW INT)	 Black Friday (INT)	 Health & Safety
 Prepositions of Place (PRE BEG - BEG)	 Day of the Dead (INT)	 Fall into Autumn

News in Levels: <https://www.newsinlevels.com/>

Good to Know

The Framingham Public library has a new web page called the “Info Hub” <https://framinghamlibrary.org/info-hub>. The page has links to all kinds of information that you need.

right now including how to reserve a computer session which might be of interest to some students. Check it out!

Final Thoughts

The following was shared by one of our English conversation class leaders. The ideas below were generated by her ESOL students in a conversation class last week. I found this inspiring – I think you might find it inspiring as well.

Value of speaking English to the student:

- builds self esteem
- builds confidence
- allows for sharing thoughts and expressing them
- job opportunities
- academic opportunities
- visit a doctor without an interpreter
- teach the children/help them with homework
- reading books
- able to share and explain your culture with others
- travel to foreign countries that also speak English.

Value of speaking English for the family:

- family members motivate each other and help each other learn English
- set a positive example for young children by seeing an adult (parent) learning new things
- able to pay bills
- able to communicate with schools
- able to communicate with relatives through marriage who are American and speak English only

Value of speaking English for the community:

- able to connect with neighbors
- able to volunteer in the community (schools, town environment projects, elderly care centers)
- make friends with co-workers
- create a neighborhood spirit with people from different walks of life.
- able to share cultures with others
- to feel a part of the community - not an outsider

Hope you have a great week and stay healthy and safe. Don't forget to remember our veterans - Veteran's Day is this Wednesday, November 11th.

Karen