

"Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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## Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bi-Weekly Bulletin

**Tutor Tune-up** – It could be for you!

*Have you stopped or lost some of your enthusiasm for tutoring because the virtual meeting technology is frustrating?*

*Have you asked yourself if it is worth learning the technology to have a remote meeting with a student?*

*Are you just curious as to what a remote tutoring session looks like?*

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, Tutor Tune-up is for you. On **Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM – 8:00 PM** we will teach you:

1. How to set-up and host a meeting on ZOOM
2. Some tried and true tutoring activities that work well on ZOOM

Save the date, we will send out the ZOOM link and more information closer to January 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please feel free to email us [fp1mail4@minlib.net](mailto:fp1mail4@minlib.net)

### **Literacy Unlimited, Program Coordinator**

We have started interviewing candidates for the Literacy Unlimited, Program Coordinator. If you know of someone who would be interested in the position, please let us know or point them to this website where they can apply.

<https://ess.framinghamma.gov/MSS/employmentopportunities/default.aspx>

### **Literacy Unlimited will be closed for the Holidays**



## Tutor Meetings

## January Tutor Meetings

We will continue to meet every other Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 PM for tutor technology and there will be one Tutor Office Hours meeting in January. ZOOM meeting information for Tutor Technology and Tutor Office Hours is the same every week and is included below with the descriptions of these meetings.

<b>Week of:</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
January 4	1/05 – Tutor Technology	
January 11		1/14 – Tutor Tune-up
January 18	01/19 – Tutor Technology	1/21 - New tutor Information Session
January 25		1/28 Tutor Office Hours

Have an idea for a tutor meeting? Let us know – any idea is a good one! We would like to plan our tutor meetings based on your suggestions so the meeting content meets your needs. [Fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:Fplmail4@minlib.net)

### **Tutor Technology Meeting – Tuesday, January 5th at 2:00 PM**

Laurie Christie will demonstrate how to successfully use WhatsApp in a tutoring session. If you want to experience WhatsApp from a student's perspective, you will need to have a WhatsApp account on your phone and you will need to send Laurie your cell phone number so she can include you in a WhatsApp group. You can contact Laurie at [LChristie@minlib.net](mailto:LChristie@minlib.net)

### **Tutor Technology Meeting – Tuesday, January 19th at 2:00 PM**

Laurie will share with us some tutoring techniques that use less technology but have been proven successful in remote teaching. These ideas were shared by FAESL (Framingham Adult ESL) instructors.

### **Virtual Office Hours for Tutors – Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

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

## **Blended Tutoring, Distance Tutoring or Remote Tutoring**

### **Learn more about ZOOM**

Are you thinking about attending our tutor Tune-up meeting in January and haven't used ZOOM? Have you joined ZOOM meetings but never hosted a meeting? This is a short YouTube video (14 minutes) that will introduce to ZOOM. If you watch it, let us know what you think. LieHua is on the hunt for more useful ZOOM tutorials to share with you.

[HOW TO USE ZOOM - Video Conferencing Tutorial for Beginners](#) (How to: sign-up for a free Zoom account, host a meeting, join a meeting, use some features)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFSBjFvK2o>

## Good to Know

### New Tutor Information Session in January

There will be a New Tutor Information session on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. If you know someone who may be interested in becoming a tutor, have them contact us at [fp1mail4@minlib.net](mailto:fp1mail4@minlib.net) and we will send them the Zoom information.

### New Tutor Training Sessions

The January New Tutor Training session is full but there are spaces in the March session. The March training session will be held on Monday and Thursday afternoons on March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18 from 2-4 pm.

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a tutor, they can register for the March training on our website <https://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/become-a-tutor/>

### Citizenship Class Starting in February

Do you know someone applying for US Citizenship?

We are offering a 12-week class to help prepare applicants for the Naturalization test and interview. The program will review American History & Civics, and questions and terms that applicants need to know to successfully complete the process. The program will begin in February 2021 and be held on Tuesdays evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Students must be at least an intermediate level English speaker to benefit from the class. Classes will be held using Zoom, so access to a computer will be most beneficial.

If you have questions or a student who may be interested, contact us at [fp1mail4@minlib.net](mailto:fp1mail4@minlib.net) or 508-532-5574.

## Just for Fun

The daily news about the COVID vaccine is really exciting. To add to the excitement, we would like to have a small contest. The first tutor or conversation class leader to get the vaccine and let us know, will win a gift card! May the first in line win!!!!

## Final Thoughts

Wow, what a year. I started working at Literacy one year ago this month and never in my wildest dreams anticipated how 2020 would unfold. It has been a wild ride with many ups and downs. We have learned a lot and our tutors and students have persevered and made the best of it. We at Literacy have been planning for next year and it is exciting. Hopefully the Covid vaccines will be successful and at some point this terrible disease will not be driving our everyday lives. That being said, things will be different. This pandemic has had a profound impact on how we live and will continue to do so in the future. I am looking forward to working with you and our community next year to forge a new way ahead in these unprecedented times.

We at Literacy hope you have a safe and healthy Holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Karen