

Wow...what a difference a few days make. As most of you know, Literacy Unlimited is closed until at least April 9, 2020 due to the Coronavirus. As soon as we know more, we will let you know.

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### *What's Happening at Literacy Unlimited While we are "CLOSED"*

Although we can't go into the Literacy Unlimited office at the Library, we are still busy working.

Anne, Liehua, and I met in person on Monday outside for about 15 minutes on the benches in front of the Danforth building (next to the library) in Framingham. We were practicing social distancing standing at least 6 feet from each other. And we met yesterday via Zoom. It took a while to work out the kinks in Zoom, but it was really fun once we got the meeting going. We are going to have a Zoom meeting for tutors next week, see below.

Although we are working from home, we do have access to our database, email, and voicemail and can give you contact information if you need it.

We plan to keep in touch with you - sending weekly "Newsy" emails (up from bi-weekly) with ideas for connecting during this time. And we encourage you to keep in touch with your students. Everyone needs positive social interaction at this time, even if it is only virtual. And some students, particularly those with limited English skills, may need our help to navigate all the changes that are upon us.

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### *Coronavirus – Making the Best of it*

#### **1. TIPS from Liehua from her family in China**

Try your best to stay at home. Don't go outside, especially crowded places.

If you do go out, when you get home, please:

Take off your out coat, hanging near the door or on the deck. If you have 70% isopropyl alcohol, you can spray on your coat to kill the virus.

Take off your outside shoes, leave it near the door or on the deck.

Wash your hands with soap. If you are outside and no water, please use hand sanitizer. Gargle with salt water or mouth wash liquid to wash your mouth and throat.

Go for a walk, if outside is not crowded, but still remember the social distance. (In China, people can't do this, because there are so many people.)

Try use online shopping. After you receive the package, please leave it near the door for a while. If possible, use 70% isopropyl alcohol to spray it.

## 2. Join our weekly call-in for Tutors via Zoom:

**Tuesday, March 24, at 2pm**

A weekly call for tutors to keep in touch during Coronavirus social distancing and to have some laughs. If you haven't tried video conferencing, this is your chance. Give it a try – I think you might really enjoy it. I did!

A few tips about Zoom:

Download the Zoom app to your smartphone before the meeting. It's free.

To join the meeting, click on the link below in your smartphone and follow the prompts.

You will need the meeting ID and Password (below) to enter the meeting on Tuesday.

When you enter the meeting, "voice" and "video" may be turned off. Click on the voice (microphone) and video (video camera) icons and allow voice and video to be recorded.

Meeting information:

Framingham Public Library is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Tutor get - together

Time: Mar 24, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/155593270?pwd=Ull1TFBoT0tocmdtRE52MDh4cXE1dz09>

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/a3uc4RCag>

## Ideas for Connecting with your Students

1. Call or text your student. How are they doing? What are they doing? Do they need help?
2. Try using Zoom (free web-conferencing) app to meet with your student. Once you download the Zoom app you can schedule meetings.
3. Online resources for you and your student:

[www.NewsForYouOnline.com](http://www.NewsForYouOnline.com)

[www.ESLLibrary.com](http://www.ESLLibrary.com)

*Note: Our ESL Library subscription has been upgraded to include digital access (you can assign activities online to your student) until June 30. If you want to try this with your student sign-in to the ESL library and then follow the steps below to get to the Help videos:*

Click on “Learn more” at the end of the blurb on Covid-19 at the top of the home page.

Click on the tab "Teaching with ESL Library" at the top of the page

Click on box titled: “Teaching with digital resources during Covid-19 pandemic”. Watch the videos: “How to assign digital homework during Covid-19” and “How to create classes and set-up students” (if you are a tutor, I would try setting up a class of 1).

## OFFICE HAPPENINGS:

**Next Tutor Training Information Session – POSTPONED – WILL RESCHEDULE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

**Tutor U - Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00PM – 7:00PM STILL SCHEDULED FOR NOW**