

"Newsy" the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



We have a NEW Literacy Unlimited, Program Coordinator!

We are excited to let you know that Elyse Brown started on March 22 as the new Program Coordinator. Her career has been focused on non-profit arts organizations and is a performing arts specialist/educator. She has experience in many different areas that we think will provide a great basis for a successful coordinator. She will be attending our various tutor meetings and we look forward to introducing her to you at one of them.

New Student Registrations

Since there is no firm date as to when we will be able to meet new students face-to-face, we continue to take new student registrations online. We are trying to place new students in a conversation class quickly. If you know of a new student who could benefit from attending an English Conversation class or would like to be matched with a tutor, the link to the online registration form is on our website here

<https://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/become-a-tutor/>

Tutor Meetings

April Tutor Meetings

We will continue to meet on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 PM for tutor technology and on alternate Thursday evenings for Tutor Office Hours. The Zoom meeting links for Tutor Technology and Tutor Office Hours are included below with the descriptions of these meetings.

Our goal is to have tutors share their experiences with the community at the tutor meetings. If you have an idea or request let us know. fplmail4@minlib.net

Week of:	Tuesday	Thursday
April 5		4/8 Tutor Office Hours
April 12	4/13 – Tutor Technology	
April 19		4/22 Tutor Office Hours
April 26	4/27 – Tutor Technology	

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

Kathy Roth, one of our tutors, will explain how she is using music videos to work with her student.

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

Laurie Christie will demonstrate Google’s Jamboard and a “brain break”. If there is time and interested tutors she will also demo the Zoom whiteboard and whiteboard.fi which was demoed at a previous tutor technology meeting and were very popular.

Virtual Office Hours for Tutors – Thursday, April 8th and Thursday April 22nd at 7:00 PM

The agenda is open – all topics are welcome – it is always an interesting discussion. Topics have included tutoring challenges and successes and ideas for supporting tutors.

Blended Tutoring, Distance Tutoring or Remote Tutoring

Tutor Tune-up Advanced

Based on your feedback at the Tutor Tune-up and Tutor Virtual Office hours, we are planning a second session called Tutor Tune-up Advanced. This session will include more advanced Zoom functionality like annotate, whiteboards, polls, audio share, save chat, etc. We will include some examples of how tutors are using these features in their tutoring. We will contact you with the date and time of the session when we schedule it.

If you have an idea for inclusion in a tutor tune-up advanced session, let us know.
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Good to Know

New Tutors

We are always looking for new tutors and new conversation class leaders. If you know someone who would be interested, please have them register online here <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/c54c3680eaL> or contact us at fplmail4@minlib.net.

Immigration Information

“Designation of Venezuela for TPS (Temporary Protected Status) and Implementation of DED (Deferred Enforcement Departure) Venezuela” If you have a student from Venezuela this may be of interest to them. Here is a link to the notice in the Federal Register

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/03/09/2021-04951/designation-of-venezuela-for-temporary-protected-status-and-implementation-of-employment>

English Conversation Classes

Due to social distancing restrictions, social interactions can be few and far between for students and tutors. Our conversation classes, although remote, continue to be popular with students.

If you know a student who you think could benefit from attending a conversation class, please let us know. We do have spaces in some classes. Alternatively, if you would like to lead a group conversation class, please let us know - we would really like to add new class offerings.

The list of our current class schedule is on our website here

<https://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/conversation-classes/>

Book Group

Book group is planning to start up again in June. This special conversation class is for intermediate and above English learners. If you have a student who may be interested, let us know fplmail4@minlib.net.

Framingham Public Library is Opening on April 5th for Limited Browsing

You can find out more about the opening here

https://framinghamlibrary.org/uploads/pages/doc/Reopening_for_browsing_poster_3-21.pdf

While this is exciting news for the community, please be advised that Literacy Unlimited is not opening yet and tutors cannot meet in-person with their students. Because in-person tutoring requires an extended period of time in close proximity to a student, it is not a safe activity at this time.

Zoom Fatigue

Here is an informative article on this phenomena.

<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2021-02-fatigue-simple.html> We have noticed that conversation classes are popular with students. Perhaps one of the reasons is that with multiple students in the class, their pictures are smaller and they aren't as prone to look at themselves. Just a thought.

Final Thoughts

Spring is here and things are buzzing. I really hope you will join us at a tutor tech and/or tutor office hour meeting in April to catch up with us and meet Elyse.