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Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

It’s February and so it is time to celebrate Valentine’s Day, Presidents’ Day and [Black History Month](#). Michelle is settling in and we are busy planning upcoming events. Read on to learn more.

General Information

The Grammar Answer Key – Short Explanations to 100 ESL Questions by Keith S. Folse

There is a “buzz” among our tutors about this book and the recorded workshop. Starting in March, we are going to dedicate several monthly tutor times to learning together some of the lessons in the book. The first meeting will be in March (date(s) and times to be determined). We think prepositions might be a good place to start:

- Questions 34 – 36 at, on, in (these were in Keith’s workshop).
- Question 37 Prepositions after Certain Adjectives
- Question 38 in/on for Transportation
- Question 39 at/in with Schools and Hospitals

Literacy Unlimited Website – Under Construction

We are happy to announce that we are making updates to our website so you may notice changes. The updates will take place over several weeks and we will let you know when we are finished.

Literacy Unlimited and Library Closings in February

Libraries are closed on Sunday February 19th and Monday February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Good to Know – For Tutors

Tutor Time – Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Program:

7:00 – 7:30 **Tutor office hours** – what is on your mind, what have you been working on with your student, how can we help, what is Literacy up to?

7:30 – 8:00 **Meet the New Tutors** – There are 23 tutors who are currently being trained for Literacy Unlimited and will join us. In the past this has been a fun time to meet the new tutors, to pass on some advice to them, and answer their questions. If you plan on attending tutor time, please let us know fplmail4@minlib.net or 508 532 5574. We would like to have a good turnout for the new tutors.

Tutor Refresh Workshop

This workshop is for you if you haven't tutored in a while and are thinking about taking on a student and would like to reconnect with us. It is also open to any tutor who is interested in the following topics that may be covered in the workshops depending on interest:

- Meet our new coordinator, Michelle Cuata
- How things have changed/stayed the same because of Covid
- The Tutor Resources Guide (hot off the press, updated January 2023) and Literacy Unlimited website
- Ellie (formerly called the ESL library)
- News for You (used to be printed weekly but now available only online)
- Newsela
- Answer your questions about tutoring

There are two options for day and time:

Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

**Thursday, February 16 at 10:00 AM at the Framingham Library (Costin room)
and simultaneously on Zoom:**

Some Interesting Reads:

[How to Design Perfect ESL Lessons for Adults at Any Level](#)

Good to Know – To Share with Students

Preparation for Citizenship Exam – Civics and American History class

This is an 11-week seminar to help students prepare for the Naturalization Interview for US Citizenship. The class will include:

Review of material tested in the History and Civics, Reading and Writing sections of the interview

Practice interviews

Review of vocabulary and content in the Application for Naturalization (Form N-400)

The class will be on Thursday nights on Zoom from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM and will start on April 13 and end on June 22. Students must speak English at the Intermediate level and must register for the class: fplmail4@minlib.net or 508 532 5574.

Tutor and Student Pair Accomplishments – You Rock!!!!

I hope it is inspiring to hear what our students are accomplishing. If you have reached a milestone, any milestone, with your student please, please let us know. We would love to share them with our community. Thank-you to all the tutors who take the time to share with us - we really appreciate it.

Gabriela joined us as a student in September 2018 and worked with two tutors, **Megan** and **Janis** before leaving the program in February 2022. She has moved to New Hampshire and is planning to become a physical therapist. *January 2023*

Lynn and **Mimoza and Arben** - Mimoza and Arben are from Albania and they have been working with Lynn since November 2022 when they registered as new students. Arben starting looking for a job as soon as he could and will be starting in a full-time job working in the kitchen at a nursing home as soon as he completes the paperwork. *February 2023*

Last Word

It has been really great having Michelle here. She has only been here 3 weeks but already her impact has been huge. Having her full-time to help out with our operations has given us a chance to take a breath and work on some projects (e.g., the website) that we have not been able to touch for quite some time. We will have many new things to share with you in the upcoming months.

Sounds like this weekend will be a good one to stay in with a hot drink. But after that, it is almost time to start looking for the snow drop flowers and the robins. Spring is around the corner!

Happy Valentine's Day and thank-you for all you do,

Karen, Michelle, Laurie, Liehua and Marjie