

March 2023



## Welcome to "NEWSY" the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

Yesterday's snow storm was a big bust but March won't be. Read on.

March 8 is **International Women's Day** [International Women's Day](#) and because many of our students are women, it is a great time to ask how/if this day is celebrated in their home country.

March 21 is **World Poetry Day** [World Poetry Day](#) which supports linguistic diversity through poetic expression. You can try breaking up your routine by reading a poem with your student and talking about rhythm, rhyme and expression.

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM – **Volunteer Appreciation Night** – SAVE the DATE. Planning is underway for a fun, in-person night at the Framingham Library with food, experience sharing, and fun activities. More details will be coming as we get closer to the date.

## General Information

### 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 time and we will let you know when we are finished.

### Literacy Unlimited and Library Closings in March

There are no library closings in March.

## Good to Know – For Tutors

### **Tutor Workshop – Tuesday, March 7 1:00 – 3:30 PM Framingham Library – Costin Room**

He’s baaaack! Marcel is back to teach workshops for ESOL tutors! Dr. Marcel LaVergne has a 40 year career as a teacher of French, Latin and ESL over a career spanning 40 years. He has led survival English conversation classes for Literacy Unlimited and led multiple workshops for tutors. His workshops are always on point and full of practical tips for tutoring.

This workshop **“Developing Communicative Skills through Reading”** will introduce the reading process and activities that will encourage students to speak. Participants will engage in hands-on experiences to practice techniques that they can use with their students.

### **Tutor Time – Wednesday, March 15 6:30 – 7:30 PM on Zoom**

#### **Program:**

6:30 – 6:45 **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?

#### 6:45 – 7:30 **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 this month, we are going to dedicate several monthly tutor times to learning together some of the lessons in the book. We will start with prepositions and the following questions in Keith’s book:

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| 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             |

### **Know someone who would make a great tutor?**

There will be 2 in-person Tutor trainings starting in April. Information about training dates, information sessions and how to register for training are all available on our website: [Information on How to Become a Tutor](#). Feel free to share this information.

### **A New Tutoring Resource to Check Out:**

One of our tutors has graciously offered to donate his weekly print version of **“The Week”** magazine for tutors to use with students in in the Literacy center. It is a weekly

periodical that has relatively short articles referencing multiple sources about news (including international), technology, health and science, arts, food and more. It is not an ESOL magazine but the articles would be appropriate for intermediate level English readers and above.

### **We are back on Instagram!**

Michelle is posting to our account LVMIliteracyunlimited if you would like to follow us.

## **New Tutors and Conversation Class Leaders**

Please join us in welcoming our **new tutors** who just completed training:

Dan	Andy
Debbie	Bob
Deborah	Ed
Ines	Jan
Jane	Matthew
Manoah	Patty
Rachel	Tharikaa
Renee	Vanessa
Sandeep	
Shannon	
Susan	

We are so grateful for our **new in-person Conversation Class Leaders**:

Aaron is leading a new Beginner English Conversation class on Thursday mornings.

Laxmi and Rebecca are co-leading the in-person Low Beginner English Conversation class on Wednesday evenings starting this month.

## **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@minilib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minilib.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 have added a space on the monthly tutor hours reporting form for you to add your accomplishments. We are looking for all accomplishments no matter how big or small they seem to you.

Thank-you to all the tutors who take the time to share with us - we really appreciate it.

**Liz/Barbara and Jacqueline** – Jacqueline (Jacqui) is from Brazil and joined the program in 2012 and worked with Barbara for 4 years and then left the program after meeting her goals. Jacqui returned to us in May 2022 and has been working with Liz (ABE tutor) since then. We are excited to share that Jacqui just graduated from nursing school this semester. *February 2023*

**Ed and Denis** – Denis is from Russia and has been working with Ed for a year. It is great to be able to share that Denis has started a job as a Production Engineer at **IPG Photonics in Oxford MA.** *February 2023*

## Last Word

March can be a long month and even for those of us who enjoy winter, it is getting old. Change things up by joining us at one of our March events or stop in and see us if you haven't in a while. We would love to see you in-person. And in case you hadn't heard Literacy Unlimited is now open from 9:00 – 5:00 Monday through Friday.

Thank-you for reading to the end,

Karen, Michelle, Laurie, Liehua and Marjie