

“Newsy” the ESOL Tutor Newsletter

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Welcome to “NEWSY” the Literacy Unlimited Tutor Bulletin



Hi Everyone,

It’s officially fall and there is a lot to share with you!

**Program Coordinator, Literacy Unlimited Job is Posted**

The Literacy Unlimited Coordinator position is full-time and it has been posted on the City of Framingham’s website under Employment/Location – Library. If you would like to apply or if you know someone who might be interested you can apply here

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

Also if you are active on LinkedIn or Facebook and think it might be helpful to post the position on your account, let us know. [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net)

**Volunteer Staffing – Thank-you Anne OC and Survey Results**

Without a coordinator, we are quite short-staffed. Anne O’Connell (*retired Literacy Program Coordinator*) has thankfully stepped in while we search for a new coordinator and while I have been on Jury Duty, traveling to Iceland and recovering from Covid.

Anne loves surveys and was interested in what tutors were up to so we had you respond to a survey in the last Newsy. Some of the results are attached to this email. Check it out - The book recommendations are incredibly varied.

### **Tutor Buddies Wanted**

There are currently two tutor training sessions in progress and soon we will have new tutors who may want a tutor buddy to help them as they begin their tutoring journey. If you would like to help a new tutor please let us know. [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net) or 508 532 5574.

### **Upcoming LVM Tutor Survey**

Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts (LVM) is comprised of 12 literacy programs in Massachusetts. Literacy Unlimited is one of the 12 affiliates of LVM. LVM periodically surveys tutors about the program and you will be getting an email from them soon with a link to a survey. These surveys are not offered frequently (the last one was in 2017) so we strongly encourage you to take the time to complete the survey. It can really help us fine-tune our program to meet the needs of our tutor and student community.

### **Literacy Unlimited and Library Closings in October**

**Monday, October 10 Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day** - The libraries (Framingham and Natick) will be closed.

## **Good to Know – For Tutors**

### **Tutor Time – It's Baaack...**

**Wednesday October 12 at 7:00pm 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?

7:30 – 8:00 meet the new tutors (both from Anne's and Tina's classes) and give them one piece of advice.

### **New Tutors**

We are pleased to welcome the following new tutors who will complete training in the next couple of days:

Claire  
Lucy  
Jaci  
Cynthia  
Peggi  
Merve

### **Wednesday Night Low Beginner English Conversation Class 7:00pm Needs a Leader**

Tim is currently leading this in-person drop-in conversation class with a co-leader. He would like to turn the class over to another leader by the end of this year so he can teach a different class. If you are interested in leading this class, please let us know. [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net) or 508 532 5574.

### **Ellii Blog**

If you didn't see it, the Ellii blog (Articles) included the following topics which you may find interesting:

*The Importance of Reading Aloud in a Language Learning Class*

*Using Graphic Organizers for Language Skills Development*

*Wordless Lessons: An Innovation Project*

*Break the Ice! 4 Fun Activities to Warm up a New Class (or with a new student)*

### **Accent Bias and the Myth of Incomprehensibility**

This is a thought provoking opinion piece that delves into how Americans may perceive foreign accents.

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/opinion/2022/09/14/accent-bias-english>

## **Good to Know – To Share with Students**

### **New Student registration – October, 2022**

We will have an in-person new student registration the week of October 17. Days and times have not been finalized but students should watch the library website, social media and library bulletin boards for details. We will be contacting students but really need your help to get the word out. If you want to help with registration or if you are willing place flyers around town let us know. [fplmail4@minlib.net](mailto:fplmail4@minlib.net)

### **Low – Beginner classes**

We are happy to continue our In-person Low Beginner English classes. If you know of a student, or if your student knows of someone who would like to attend, please let them know about these classes. These are drop-in classes at the Framingham library and no registration is required.

**Wednesdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm** Low Beginner English Class – Drop in

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## **Tutor and Student Pair Accomplishments**

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. Below are a few HUGE accomplishments we were recently made aware of; however, we would like to recognize smaller milestones as well.

**Kodjo and Lauren** – Kodjo is from Togo and he and Lauren have been working together for just over a year. Kodjo was just accepted at Mass Bay into their Bio Tech certificate program! *September 2022*

**Keila and Ruth** – Keila is from the Dominican Republic and she and Ruth have been working together since 2019. Keila’s goal has been to have her own studio and she has achieved that goal with the opening of Crisaly Beauty Studio in Framingham. *August 2022*

**Thais and Elaine/Denise** - Thais is from Brazil and she and Elaine have been working together since 2020. Thais was recently accepted into a Master’s Degree Program at Worcester State. *June 2022.*

**Milena and Kate** – Milena is from Bolivia and she and Kate have been working together since early 2022. She enrolled in a graduate degree program in counseling at Framingham State. She has also become a member of Literacy Unlimited’s Advisory Board. *June 2022.*

**Sahar and Keira** - Sahar is from Afghanistan and she and Keira had been working together since 2021. Sahar passed her citizenship test. *June 2022*

**Davadine and Tina** – Davadine is from Jamaica and she and Tina had been working together since 2021. Davadine passed her citizenship test . *March 2022.*

## Last Word

Whew this is a long email and hopefully it has something for everyone. Thank-you for reading it to the end. I will close with a request that you stay in touch with us. Send us an email or call us with an idea, suggestion, question, or accomplishment. We love to hear from you and better yet, we love to share with our community all of the good things you are doing and learning. Much of the content you read in Newsy has been suggested by tutors and we would love to have you be part of the conversation.

Karen, Laurie, Liehua, Marjie