

Greetings!

How can it be August already?

I wanted to send this rare summer newsletter to update you on our summer programs, to introduce you to our summer interns, and to share some exciting grant news. It has been a very busy summer for all of us at English At Large!

Our summer Conversation Groups are wrapping up this week, and we are in the process of scheduling our fall semester program. **We are currently recruiting volunteers to help facilitate groups in Andover, Boxborough, Burlington, Maynard, Reading, and Woburn.** Read on to see how you can get involved!

The pilot of our new **Program for Afghan Learners (PAL)** will be finishing up next week. It has been so exciting to see the progress of these learners! In September, I will have a full report on this success, as well as more information on a **2nd PAL pilot** for low literacy learners, scheduled to begin this fall.

I am so pleased to report that English At Large has received state funding for FY2023, with an increase to help support our service area expansion. **Special thanks to Senator Cindy Friedman, for her continued efforts to secure the funds we need to sustain our programs and services.** She is a true champion for local immigrants!

We are grateful to you as well, for your continued interest and support of English At Large.

It really makes a difference.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer!

Best regards,
Maureen

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Special Thanks to our Summer Interns



This summer we were so excited for a return to normalcy, as we welcomed college interns back to the office!

In addition to leading a Conversation Group, Sarah (from Arlington) and Bobby (from Woburn) were the chief choppers in support of PAL, helping us create hundreds of flashcards as instructional tools for the teachers and learners.

They also did a tremendous amount of work to update our **ESOL Resource Directory**, creating a current and comprehensive listing of ESOL and continuing education programs available for adult learners in Greater Boston.

Bobby and Sarah,
THANK YOU
for your volunteer service!



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Calling All Volunteers

ENGLISHATLARGE

Volunteer Opportunity:

Lead a Conversation Group for English Language Learners

English At Large Conversation Groups help adult English language learners build speaking and listening skills. Held at the library, each conversation group of 10-12 learners is led by 2 volunteer co-facilitators. Co-facilitating a group is a weekly, 90-minute commitment from late September to mid December. Visit www.englishatlarge.org to learn more!

As a group facilitator, you will receive training to:

- Create a welcoming and dynamic learner-centered environment
- Plan engaging activities and discussion topics
- Encourage active conversation among participants
- Help learners improve pronunciation, speaking confidence, and vocabulary



Scan the QR Code to submit a volunteer inquiry today!

Grants Updates

Grants from local foundations provide sustaining support for our organization, and help us continue to address the needs of local adult learners. We are proud and grateful to acknowledge recent grants received as unrestricted gifts, providing new and additional funding to support our ongoing operations and program expansion.



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**\$5,000 grant for general
operating support**



Cummings Foundation

\$20,000 unrestricted grant through the Make a Difference Dollars (MAD\$) Program

This generous support is in addition to our \$200,000, 10-year Sustaining Grant!



Cummings Foundation volunteer Justin Magee recently surprised the EAL staff with a special check presentation just outside our offices in Cummings Park.



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