

# Literacy of Northern New York

## March 2019 Newsletter

### News & Upcoming Events

#### Basic Reading Tutor Training

We have waiting tutors and students but schedules do not always match. To fill the need, LNNY is holding an In-Person Basic Reading tutor training that starts on March 27 in the conference room down the hall from our office in the Key Bank Building in Watertown. There are four sessions and the time is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for each session.

If you know someone who might be interested, please pass on the information. Anyone interested in registering can call the office at 315-782-4270.

[Tutor Training Information Link](#)



#### Garage Sale



We have received some garage sale donations but we still need more items. If you know someone who is moving, let them know we are looking for donations.

Please consider cleaning out a closet or a basement (or wherever you put old items) and donating some items to LNNY. We need to raise some funds to help us pay the bills. THANKS!



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### **Amy's Fort Drum News**

The Fort Drum classes continue to grow. The classes are busy learning and building their proficiency in English. We have a diverse group of students from all corners of the world. It is such a great opportunity for the students to learn about each other's cultures and support one another on their ESL journey.



One of our intermediate students, Ruth Riano, pictured at left, recently began working for the YMCA's childcare program. Because her native language is Spanish, she has been given the opportunity to work with some of the children and teach them Spanish. What a great learning opportunity for the children and also for Ruth!

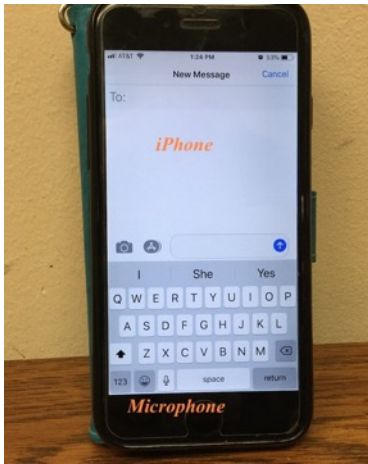
We are looking forward to a fun month ahead and we have a fun class lunch planned to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

*Fort Drum ESL students hard at work.*



### **A Simple Tip for Helping your ESL Student with Pronunciation**

Your student can use the microphone to send a text and practice speaking at the same time. On an iPhone, iPad or Smart phone, there is a microphone beside the area where one types a message. Activate



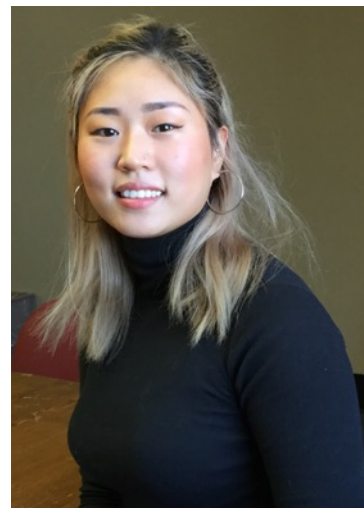
the microphone by pressing it. Speak into the phone or iPad and the voice translates into text for the message. The student needs to speak clearly for the text to be accurate. This is where the activity helps with pronunciation. It can also be fun when they see odd words appear because they did not speak clearly. Keep the texts short and make sure the device is set to English. The activity works the same way with Android devices.



**This feature is also good for reading students who have difficulty spelling properly while sending text messages.**



*Laura is a new ESL student from Mexico who attends our ESL class in Watertown. She is a chemical engineer and an excellent baker. Deborah recently enjoyed a dessert Laura made.*



*Mina is from South Korea and attends ESL classes in Watertown. She is an aerospace engineer. She loves winter sports and is looking forward to tubing down Dry Hill.*