



## **LNNY Welcomes New English Language Tutor**

Will Brod joins LNNY as our newest tutor. He took the I2O (Online) tutor training to work with English language learners. His Russian and Ukrainian language skills, along with the LNNY volunteer tutor training course, should help him on his new journey in life. He is currently helping teach in the Wednesday evening Pronunciation class and the students enjoy his presence.

## **Special Recognition, Reading Tutor, Paul Swagler**

Paul is one of our tutors “in the field.” He has been working consistently with a reading student in Dexter since September 2021. They are on book 4 in the Laubach Way to Reading series and have also read some abridged Western books such as the Jack Sloan stories. They meet faithfully every week and Paul always sends his tutoring hours quickly when we send out the monthly notice. Thank you, Paul!



## **Returning Textbooks**

If you have any unused textbooks lying around your home, please return them to Literacy of Northern NY. We have a limited budget for purchasing new books and you may have a book that another tutor/student pair needs.

## **Watertown English Classes**

The classes have a mix of students from Honduras, South Korea, China, Ukraine, Vietnam, Guatemala, and Moldova. This includes both the Wednesday evening Pronunciation class and the Monday/Wednesday classes in Watertown. The Watertown learners have been working on employment skills using the WorkWise series. We have worked on resumes, determining employment skills, and have just started the Writing at Work textbook. We are covering the types of writing that workers encounter in their jobs such as emails, memos, reports, and charts.



## News from the Fort Drum Classes By Program Assistant Silvia Melcher

This month our ESL classes at Fort Drum have focused on health topics, career advancement, and functional English activities. Students have particularly enjoyed discussing medical terms that are beneficial during medical appointments. Students have practiced asking medical questions and advocating for their health. Our program has partnered with USO Fort Drum to present career advancement courses to our students. Our active duty soldiers and spouses learned about the numerous professional certificates that are available to them, free of cost. On February 14th, students learned how to make origami hearts and inside, wrote a special message for their families.



## Saying Goodbye to Fort Drum Volunteer Teacher, Katie Yang



On January 17, the Fort Drum classes held a celebration, potluck of course, to say a sad farewell to volunteer teacher, Katie Yang. Katie has taught the Beginner class since November 2021 and developed a strong bond with her students. She put in some serious prep time and delighted the students with her animated PowerPoint lessons. Katie is busy this semester practicing teaching in a classroom for her degree. Thank you, Katie for all your help!

Katie is standing in the back row, holding a card from her students.



**Nathalia** attends the Fort Drum beginner and intermediate classes and also works with a tutor, Maria Steinbeck. Marie is helping Nathalia with strategies to pass college entrance tests of English language fluency.

Nathalia wrote a delightful, imaginary, tale about a crab. You can read her story here.

