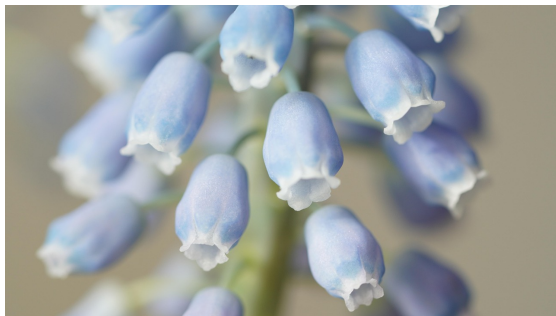


*The Annual Yard
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Garage Sale

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111 Clinton St.,
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Garage behind the bank
**Saturday,
May 9
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Let Us Welcome Eray Soto, Our New Program Assistant at Fort Drum

“Hi there! I’m Eray Soto, a new and excited ESL instructor at Fort Drum. I am passionate about making learning fun through interactive, conversational lessons. I strive to develop personalized, student-based curricula for adult learners. I focus on improving pronunciation through phonics skills, boosting confidence, and using real-world topics to help students speak English comfortably.”



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Welcome to Joyce Chun, our Newest ESL Tutor in Watertown, and new tutor Tracy Rider from Lowville.

Tracy is matched with a student from Thailand.

New Link on the Web Page

<https://getworksheets.com/>

“At GetWorksheets.com, learners of all ages can explore a broad library of high-quality, ready-to-use worksheets designed to support academic growth and strengthen essential skills. Each resource is created to help students practice key concepts while building confidence, comprehension, and curiosity. Whether you’re teaching in a classroom or tutoring, this collection offers dependable materials that make instruction clear, engaging, and meaningful.” The worksheets are printable.

Congratulations!

Jacob, 19, from Theresa, obtained his Commercial Driver's License permit in January. He had studied for the exam on his own and failed the test several times. Then he came to LNNY for help and worked with his wonderful tutor, Patricia Bailey, a retired teacher. Thanks to his tutor's help, he passed the complicated exam. Jacob is attending a CDL training at Jefferson-Lewis BOCES so he can learn how to drive commercial vehicles. His goal is to get a better, unionized job at the Theresa Highway Department, driving snowplows and dump trucks. In his spare time, Jacob volunteers as a firefighter.



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Success Stories



In January, Betsy passed the reading, history and science sections of the GED® test. She continues to study math with her tutor.

Juan B. and Minkue are taking college courses online in cybersecurity.

Juan V. is taking online classes in engineering to get his credentials in the United States.

Tiguidanke obtained a NYS Driving Permit.

Phanie got a job at L&L Hawaiian Barbecue.

Nathalie obtained a job with the U.S. Postal Service

Chaymae got a job at a local pizzeria.

Raquel is working full-time at the daycare on Fort Drum.

Nallelys obtained a job at Walmart.

Byron got a full-time job at the DFAC at Fort Drum.

In Memory

Sally Brennan, past Board President, Board Member, and Tutor, passed away on February 7, 2026. LNNY is grateful for the contribution Sally made, especially her participation at the Lowville Cream Cheese Festival. For many years, she spent a great deal of time collecting donations from local businesses for our mega raffle basket at the festival. When she staffed the booth at the Cream Cheese Festival, she always sold a lot of raffle tickets because nobody could say no to her. Besides tutoring, Sally was very active in the community. She will be missed!



Literacy of Northern NY
Tutor In-Service Workshop

AI (Artificial Intelligence)

*A Friendly Information Session about Using AI to
Enhance Lesson Plans and in Everyday Life*



An Opportunity to Meet Other Tutors

Wednesday, April 29
Key Bank Conference Room, 3rd floor, beside the elevator
200 Washington St., Watertown
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Refreshments

The term "AI" is everywhere now. Although AI is a complex topic, we will show you that AI is not as formidable as you may think.

We will look briefly at different AI platforms, think of [ChatGPT](#), [Claude.ai](#), Gemini, and delve into a few of them to show you what you can easily do with AI. We will focus on using AI to enhance, but not do, your lessons. Along the way, you will see how you can incorporate AI into your daily life. Many, many things are done using AI.

This workshop is not overly-technical, so do not hesitate to join us.

Are you using AI in your daily life? Come and share with us how you use AI.

RSVP to Deborah Tate - program.manager.literacynny@gmail.com