Literacy Minnesota

Literacy Minnesota Fall Webinar List

Remote Tutoring 101

Join Literacy Minnesota ABE and ESL trainers for a virtual workshop on how to be an effective tutor from a distance! Learn best practices for connecting and communicating one-on-one with learners on the phone or online, get suggestions for correcting errors and checking comprehension in a virtual setting, and discover language activities that can be done over the phone or on a video call. Can't wait to "see" you there!

Wednesday, August 26, 10-11:30am

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Wednesday September 9, 10-11:30am

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Tuesday September 15, 6:30-8:00pm

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Tuesday October 6, 10-11:30am

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Thursday October 8, 6:30-8:00pm

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Tuesday November 3, 10-11:30

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Wednesday November 4, 6:30-8:00pm

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Racial Equity 101

Join us for a webinar and virtual conversation on racial equity. During this session, we'll discuss important terms, including racism, white supremacy, white privilege and white fragility. We'll

also practice responding to instances of racism in various scenarios. You'll leave with resources to address and dismantle racism. This is a great session for those who are newer to conversations on race or those who would like to share their knowledge and experiences with others. All are welcome!

Tuesday August 25, 10-12:00pm

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Tuesday September 15, 10-12:00pm

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Wednesday October 21, 6:30-8:30pm

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Thursday November 12, 10:00-12:00pm

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A Roadmap for Success: Remote Lesson Planning 101

Whether you are teaching one learner on WhatsApp or large group on Zoom, lesson planning is a critical part of ensuring learner success with virtual instruction. During this webinar, you will learn how to design lessons so that both the teacher and the learners experience success. Topics covered include: how to write effective objectives to guide your planning, tried and true planning methods and lesson plan formats, and how to build in comprehension checks throughout the lesson.

Thursday September 10, 6:30-8:00pm

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Wednesday September 30, 6:30-8:00pm

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Tuesday November 17am 10-11:30am

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Making It Work: Adapting Materials 101

The transition to remote tutoring offers a variety of rewards and challenges. In this workshop, learn recommendations for adapting materials designed for in-person instruction into a remote teaching format (WhatsApp will be modeled for one-to-one tutoring, Zoom will be modeled for small group instruction). The presenter will demonstrate approaches for introducing reading, writing, and vocabulary on a phone or computer, and will model adaptations for common ESL classroom activities. Participants will receive a handout that includes recommendations for building in class routines, an adapted lesson planning template, and activity instructions.

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Wednesday October 7, 6:30-8:00pm

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Thursday November 19, 6:30-8:00pm

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Let's Start with ABC: Teaching Phonics Virtually to Adult ESL Learners

Phonics is a crucial part of becoming a reader, yet many adult ESL learners lack sufficient Decemberoding skills to be able to sound out and recognize new words, and don't get adequate phonics instruction in their beginning level classes. In this webinar, you'll learn phonics activities to help learners with blending, segmenting, and developing phonemic awareness skills. Participants will leave with multiple activities they can use in one-on-one virtual tutoring or online classes, as well as suggestions for making phonics relevant and engaging to learners.

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Tuesday September 22, 10-11:30am

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More than Words: Teaching Conversation Remotely with Video Calls

Schools may be closed, but the learning hasn't stopped! Adult ESL teachers and tutors are finding creative ways to help learners continue to develop their English skills. In this webinar, learn how to

use phone video calls (using apps like Facetime and WhatsApp) and explore their advantages and limitations as an instructional platform. Discover a variety of ESL conversation activities that can be effectively used remotely, and have the opportunity to try several out with fellow tutors.

Thursday September 17, 6:30-8:00pm

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Wednesday October 14, 10-11:30am

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Thursday October 15, 6:30-8:00pm

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Please Say That Again: Virtual Pronunciation Instruction for Adult ESL Learners

It can be challenging to make yourself understood over the phone, even for native English speakers! In this webinar, learn about three different pronunciation features that can be taught and practiced during virtual video instruction. Participants will learn how the three features impact speakers' intelligibility, and explore activities designed to help learners practice using these features in their daily speech.

Wednesday October 28, 6:30-8:00pm

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Thursday October 29, 10-11:30am

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One Step at a Time: Remote Tutoring for Literacy Level Learners

Learners with limited English and literacy skills are proving that they are successful remote learners. In this webinar, learn creative approaches that tutors are taking to support literacy level learners through remote one-on-one tutoring using video calls. Participants will learn best practices, try out alphabetics and vocabulary building exercises, and hear success stories from tutors that are making it work!

Tuesday November 10, 6:30-8:00pm

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Accent Bias and Discrimination in the United States

Teachers of adult ESL learners often hear stories of learners trying out their new English skills in the community, and being ignored or rebuffed because of their accent. In this workshop, learn about accent bias research, the politics of accent in the United States, and the ways that accent bias can result in discrimination for non-native speakers of English. Participants will roleplay ways to interrupt accent bias and advocate for English language learners in their communities.

Tuesday October 20, 6:30-8:30pm

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Wednesday April 14, 10-12:00pm

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Trauma-Informed Teaching Practices for Adult Learners

Trauma and chronic stress can come in many forms, and impact people's ability to learn new skills and process information in a variety of different ways. In this webinar, learn how stress and trauma can manifest in the classroom, and learn about trauma-informed teaching practices that can help to support positive learning behaviors and increase retention and learner comfort.

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Teaching Fluency from Afar

Come and review the important role of fluency in reading instruction. We will discuss the three key components of reading fluency and look at a variety of activities tutors and teachers can try. We will talk about the mechanics of doing fluency practice via Zoom, Google Meet, Teams or any other remote tutoring tool (including the phone!). Participants will have plenty of opportunity to ask questions and share resources. This workshop will be most useful for instructors working with low-intermediate to advanced readers

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Teaching Reading Vocabulary Remotely or In Person

Vocabulary is everyone's favorite reading component! And helping students master reading vocabulary is a key to helping them master comprehension.

But how many words should you teach? And which words are the most important? What strategies are best for helping students learn new words? How do you get students to make new words part of their receptive and productive vocabularies? This webinar will focus on the theory and best practice behind choosing, teaching and reviewing reading vocabulary. You'll get a chance to learn about (and practice) a variety of activities that can be done remotely or in person. Links to great online resources will also be provided. This workshop will be most useful for instructors working with low-intermediate to advanced readers.

Monday October 12, 6:30 - 8:00pm

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