First Literacy LAB Presentation

Immigrant Memoir Project
-Brookline ESOL Program-
Program Context

- The Brookline Housing Authority assumed sponsorship of the Brookline ESOL Program in 2015 to increase access to English classes among low-income, Limited English proficient residents of Brookline.
- Program Director hired to initiate classes in 2016.
- Funded by community-based sources.
Community Context

- Brookline, MA
- Needs:
  - 13% poverty; 1,000+ households in subsidized housing
  - 10% Limited English Proficient
  - High proportion of elderly immigrants
- Resources:
  - Highly engaged and educated community
  - First Literacy
Project Origins and Purpose

Project Team

Power and Potential of Storytelling

“To be a person is to have a story to tell.” – Isak Dinesen
Project Structure

- Orientation and introduction to story-telling
- Multi-week sessions incorporating multiple skills
- One-to-one assistance
- Final presentations
- Final product
Project Process

- Team planning
- Professional development
- Pre- and post-sampling
Project Participants

- Older adults
- High beginning-to-intermediate level
- Varying levels of education
Project Tools

- Model stories
- Journals
- Choice of prompts
- USB voice recorders
Project Outcomes

Product

Process
Project Variations

- Beginning Levels
- Other Groups

Learn English Through Story!

A FREE 10-week English conversation group for Brookline parents at the high beginning-intermediate levels

- Improve your reading and conversation skills
- Learn high-quality books and activities to help your children develop
- Facilitated by award-winning teachers
- You must be a Brookline parent with limited income to participate
- Course is free; just one-time $20 materials fee

Time: Thursdays, 12:15-1:45pm
Fall Dates: October 5 – December 14, 2017
Location: 22 High St. Brookline, MA 02445

Hurry! Space is limited and is not guaranteed.
For more information or to register, please contact:

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Questions?