



Literacy of Northern NY

serving Jefferson, Lewis & St. Lawrence Counties

In Partnership with the United Way

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FACT SHEET

Literacy of Northern New York is a United Way partner with its main headquarters located in the Key Bank building, at 200 Washington Street, Suite 303, Watertown, New York, 13601. Our Lewis County office is located at 7640 State Street, Lowville, NY 13367. Our St. Lawrence County office is located on the 3rd floor of the Potsdam Library, 2 Park Street, Civic Center, Potsdam, NY, 13676. We stand ready to work closely with United Way agencies and other health and human service agencies to address any literacy needs their clients may evidence. And, for our part, we will refer our learners to the appropriate agency if a need for help is indicated or expressed.

What We Do

We teach adults in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties how to improve reading and writing skills. We also assist adults who are learning English as a second language. Other programs include computer literacy and family literacy.

We also give away children's books to impoverished families.

How We Do It

We train volunteers to use professionally developed methods of teaching basic reading, English to Speakers of Other Languages and basic math.

The one-to-one tutoring provided by us is individualized, confidential and free to the learner.

Tutoring is done at a time and place convenient to both the tutor and the learner. We use libraries, churches, municipal buildings, and other public places for the tutoring sessions.

Some Clues in Recognizing Adults With Low Reading Skills

Adults don't respond to literature, especially that which is sent through the mail.

Adults who can't read well

may say, "I can't read this now. I forgot my glasses." Or "I don't have time to fill out this form today. Can I bring it back tomorrow?" "I don't have time to read this right now."

Let's Work Together

Illiteracy is often an inter-generational problem. We want to break this vicious cycle by reaching out to parents and other adults today.

If you know any individuals whom you believe could benefit from our confidential and free literacy training program, please ask them to call us at 315-782-4270