



# Literacy of Northern NY

*serving Jefferson and Lewis Counties*

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## FACT SHEET

*Literacy of Northern New York 's main headquarters is located in the **Key Bank building, 200 Washington Street, Suite 303, Watertown, New York, 13601. Our Lewis County office is located at 7640 State Street, Lowville, NY 13367. We stand ready to work closely with human service agencies to address any literacy needs their clients may have. We are a United Way partner agency.***

### **What We Do**

We teach adults in Jefferson and Lewis counties how to improve reading, writing skills and math skills. We also assist adults who are learning English as a second language. Other programs include computer literacy and helping people study for the U.S. citizenship test.

Literacy of Northern NY accepts donations of gently used children's books, which we give away to impoverished families who can't afford to buy them.

### **How We Do It**

We train volunteers to use professionally developed methods of teaching basic reading and English to speakers of other languages.

The one-to-one tutoring provided by us is individualized and confidential.

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.

Both in-person and online tutor training are available. Volunteers who take the online training must meet with staff for a brief orientation session and a three-hour final session.

### **Some Clues in Recognizing Adults With Low Reading Skills**

Adults who can't read well tend to hide this fact from others. When asked to read something, they may say,

"I can't read this now. I have a headache," or "I forgot my glasses." When given a form to fill out, they ask if they can bring it back tomorrow. This gives them time to find a more literate person to fill it out for them.

### **Let's Work Together**

Illiteracy is often an intergenerational 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 literacy training program, please ask them to call us at 315-782-4270.

