

Some Goals We Help Students Achieve:

- Improve reading skills
- Improve basic math skills
- Learn English speaking and listening skills
- Study for the high school equivalency test
- Pass work-based tests
- Obtain a learner's permit
- Read work-related material
- Pass the ASVAB test
- Pass the Accuplacer test at J.C.C.
- Become a U.S. citizen

Literacy of NNY is a partner agency of United Way of Northern NY.



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The Need for Adult Literacy Services is Great.

In an increasingly complex and technological society, where first graders work on computers and you can talk online to people anywhere in the world, it is hard to believe that there are adults who cannot read this sentence. A study conducted by the National Institute for Literacy (NIFL) indicated that 17% of the population in Jefferson County and 14% of the population in Lewis County have literacy skills at the lowest level. That means that these adults cannot fill out a job application, read the newspaper or help their older children with homework.

Literacy of Northern New York offers the key to unlock people's potential. We help adults reach attainable goals such as getting a driver's permit, understanding work-related materials, and reading to their children.

Literacy leads to employment, to independence, and to opportunity.

Literacy of Northern NY

Literacy is the key that opens doors to new opportunities.



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SUCCESS STORIES

Edith opened her own business in Watertown. She designs her own clothing line, including purses and wall art.

Prema from Sri Lanka received her learner's permit. Her tutor, Roland, helped her prepare for the test.

Dong Wook passed the Accuplacer test and is now a student at Jefferson Community College.

Jessica H. went up four grade levels in math. Her goal is to obtain her high school equivalency diploma so she can obtain a better job.

Betty H. passed the TOEFL test and the NBD test (Dental Board Test). She was a dentist in Peru and her goal is to get U.S. credentials.

Danielisa improved her literacy skills and was promoted to a management position.

Annette passed her Nursing exam in Spanish. She is working with a tutor to prepare for the NCLEX Nursing test and the TOEFL test so she can practice nursing in the U.S.



OUR SERVICES

Literacy of Northern New York is a not-for-profit 501 (C) (3) organization that trains volunteers to work one-to-one with adults who need help with reading, writing, math and English language skills. Our one-to-one tutoring service is individualized and confidential. LNNY's student-oriented program focuses on meeting the long-term and short-term goals of our clients.

Our staff assess the reading, math or English speaking skills of our students. We periodically retest students to determine if they are making educational gain and to revisit goal setting.



Dominica with her certificate of recognition, and her tutor, Barbara.

TRAINING VOLUNTEERS

We offer both online and in-house tutor training.

Volunteers participate in a 12-hour training course during which they learn techniques to teach either basic reading, math or English conversation. During the in-house course, participants receive a textbook, practice professionally-developed methods of teaching, and enjoy interacting with their classmates.

Tutors who take the online training attend a short orientation and complete reading and/or English language learner modules online. After completing the modules, they attend a final in-person session with a staff member.

Those who successfully complete tutor training are matched with an adult who needs to improve literacy skills. Tutors and students meet in public places such as our office or at local libraries. Our staff assesses all the students and recommends books for the tutors to use. The teaching materials are provided free of charge. Helping others become more literate is a rewarding experience.