

## 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

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## The Need for Adult Literacy Services is Great.

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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 Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) indicated that 18% of the population in Jefferson and Lewis County have literacy skills at the lowest level. That means that these adults have difficulty comprehending reading materials and only understand basic vocabulary.

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.

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## Literacy of Northern NY

Literacy is the key that opens doors to new opportunities.



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## SUCCESS STORIES

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Hayden studied math with a tutor, passed the military entrance exam and entered the U.S. Air Force.

Roxy, a native of Argentina, improved her English language skills and passed the exam to become a U.S. citizen. She owns an online boutique.

Ruslan improved his literacy skills, obtained a commercial driver's license and now works full-time driving commercial vehicles across the country.

Tarika improved her English skills and obtained a full-time job as an office assistant.

Fara, a native of Haiti, improved her English speaking and listening skills. A doctor in Haiti, she was accepted to Harvard to do a fellowship in Infectious Diseases.

Betsy improved her reading skills by several grade levels. Her goal is to obtain a GED.



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## OUR SERVICES

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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.



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## TRAINING VOLUNTEERS

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**We offer online tutor training.**

Volunteers participate in an online training course during which they learn techniques to teach either basic reading, math or English conversation. You do not have to speak another language to tutor English to immigrants.

Tutors who take the online training attend a short in-person 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.