



Literacy of Northern NY

serving Jefferson and Lewis Counties
Watertown (315-782-4270) Lowville (315-376-8188)
www.literacynny.org



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 N. 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 of Northern New York partner agency.

What We Do

We teach adults in Jefferson and Lewis counties how to improve reading, writing 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 reading and math skills.

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.

Volunteers do an online training course but meet twice in-person with staff for an orientation and a final session.

ESOL Classes

We provide free ESOL classes in Watertown and Fort Drum, taught by paid instructors. Classes meet six hours per week and have open enrollment.

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. We assess the reading, math and English language skills of all potential students. Our Watertown office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday.