



Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County

Annual Report 2016-2017

After almost **50** years in the same location, **we have moved!** Our offices are now located on the campus of Russell Sage College in Troy. On July 22, 2017, with the help of a crew of mighty volunteers, we moved our offices and resource center from the third floor of the administrative building of the First United Presbyterian Church, Troy to the third floor of 71 First Street in Troy. Our new location is accessible by elevator and close to the Troy Public Library's Main Branch as well as to the Sage community.

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71 First Street, Troy

2016-2017 by the Numbers:

- 4 Tutor Training Workshops** prepared **28** new volunteer tutors.
- 94 volunteer tutors** helped **241** adult learners to develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and understanding English.
- 17** tutors helped adult learners to improve **math skills**.
- 20** workers in **Workplace Literacy** classes at Blasch Precision Ceramics and Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, were instructed for **52** weeks by **4** volunteers.

31 women participated in the *Make the Most of Your Money* **Financial Literacy** classes with Marie Heller as part of the *Ready for Work* program at the YWCA in Troy.

50 English language learners attended **English Literacy Civics** classes to improve their English while gaining job skills.

10 volunteers assisted with 150 hours of **EL Civics** group instruction to adults in Albany and Troy.

12 volunteer sewing and knitting instructors shared job and language skills with **36** English language learners in the **Sewing and English Class**.

9 **Conversation Partners** from Sage College helped English language learners to strengthen their speaking and comprehension skills.



Conversation Partners and Learners

4 tutors worked with **27** **incarcerated men** at the Rensselaer County Jail to improve reading and writing skills.

2 learners became naturalized U.S. citizens.

2 learners participated in computer literacy instruction.

114 volunteer mentors in the **Everybody WINS! Power Lunch** program helped **102** children develop a love of reading.



Everybody WINS! Power Lunch

We teach people to read, write, and speak English.

We empower our students to be advocates for themselves.

We educate the larger community about literacy issues.

Sponsors



Aflac
Blasch Precision Ceramics
Blaze Pizza
Bryce Funeral Home
CEO

Senator Neil Breslin
Cohoes Savings Foundation
Comfortex
Duncan & Cahill
Fagan Associates
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy
HMS Agency, Inc.

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Historic Preservation
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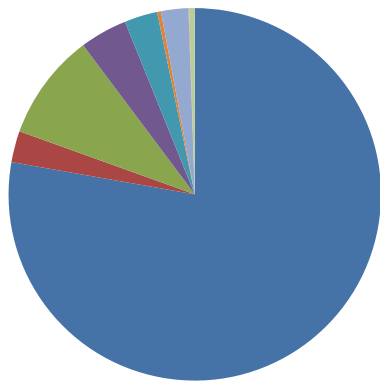
Partners

Albany Public Library
Church of the Blessed Sacrament
Church of St. Michael the Archangel
Cusack & Company CPAs LLC
East Greenbush Community Library
Faith Lutheran Church
First United Presbyterian Church, Troy
Hudson Valley Community College
Italian Community Center, Troy
Literacy New York Greater Capital Region
Literacy Volunteers of Essex and Franklin Counties
Market Block Books
Parish of St. John and St. Joseph
Questar III BOCES
Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rensselaer Public Library
Russell Sage College
St. Mary's Church, Rensselaer
Troy Public Library
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
YWCA of the Greater Capital Region



Volunteer **Sara Schuman** (left) and Board of Directors Student Representative, **Habiba Mechakra**, at the Spring 2017 Student and Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Please join us in congratulating Habiba, who has become a naturalized United States Citizen.

2016-2017 Financials



- NYS Government
- United Way
- Special Events
- Foundations
- Annual Appeal
- Religious Orgs.
- Individual Donations
- Interest
- Other Program Service Revenue

Income Source	Dollar Amount
New York State Government	\$228,667
Special Events	\$27,300
Foundations/Corporations	\$12,039
Annual Campaign	\$8,485
United Way	\$8,004
Individual/Private Donations	\$6,951
Other Program Service Revenue	\$1,428
Religious Organizations	\$974
Interest/Investment Income	\$162
TOTAL INCOME	\$294,010



Blasch Employees and Readers at Authors' Night



Carol Miller and Learners at Student and Volunteer Dinner



Team "We're All Dunn" at Scrabble Challenge



Famous Ladies' Tea at Hilton Garden Inn, Troy



Donna Gibson, Marcia Schultz and Friends at Jazzed for Literacy



Literacy 5K Run/Walk at Schodack Island State Park



LVORC Staff Judith Smith, Marie Heller, Linda Feldmann and Rita Karagoezian at the new LVORC office

Your financial support allows our learners to succeed. • Checks can be made payable to LVORC and sent to 65 First Street, Troy, N.Y. 12180. • Donations can be made online: www.lvorc.org • If you support the United Way, please designate your gift directly to LVORC. • Purchases made on Amazon Smile help to fund our programs. • Consider remembering LVORC in your estate planning. **Thank you.**

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*Celebrating 49 Years of helping
adult learners to read, write,
speak, and understand English.*

Save the Date!

SCRABBLE Challenge: Feb. 18, 2018
Famous Ladies' Tea: Mar. 18, 2018
Literacy 5K Run/Walk: May 6, 2018

Check the website for updates and
more information:

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