## **About Us**

Literacy Volunteers of Washington County provides adults in Rhode Island and Southeast Connecticut with tutoring, conversation classes, and online learning to improve their literacy skills. We also help students with citizenship preparation, job applications, support for career advancement classes and GED preparation, as well as basic life skills.

The organization, which was founded in 1982, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and an accredited affiliate of ProLiteracy America. Our network of volunteers and donors is crucial in helping us continue to improve lives and uplift our community.

By coming to Literacy Volunteers, I have made many new friends and learned to speak, write, and understand English better. It has helped me to feel more comfortable living here.



Xiufang Li, student





Not only do I get the pleasure of helping people to improve their English, I am privileged to learn about other people's cultures and lives.



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# **Meet Our Staff**

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# Changing Lives by Improving Literacy



Literacy Volunteers of Washington County offers classes and tutoring to help adults improve their reading, writing, and English language skills. Find out how you can get involved today!



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## How We Are Helping

Our students come to us for Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language learning. Some of our students have been in the U.S. for many years but have never learned to read or write. Others have come from different parts of the world and are eager to learn how to speak English. Through it all, we are building stronger families and communities by helping our students become proficient in English.



2,000 Hours of instruction that our tutors have provided in the past year



**15+** Students have passed the citizenship test since 2010; several students are currently studying for the test







**50** Active tutors

# How You Can Help

#### Volunteer

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We are always looking for volunteers to help with one-onone tutoring and conversation classes. We hold monthly tutor training sessions and and offer online training from ProLiteracy and other sources.

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#### Donate

Your tax-deductible contribution enables us to continue providing free tutoring for our adult students and supports the work of our staff and volunteers. We have various levels of giving, although any amount is always appreciated.

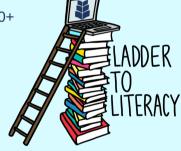
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## **Annual Fundraising Events**

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#### Lace Up for Literacy Held in May

Participants set a walking goal and pledge an amount per mile; some participants find sponsors to support their walk, and others simply make a contribution themselves.

## Joyce S. Ahern Summer Speaker Series

An annual author presentation followed by a reception and book signing; previous speakers include acclaimed authors, journalists, and public figures.

### Links for Literacy Weekapaug Golf Club

This nine-hole golf tournament includes lunch and raffles.