

Joe's Story

Bookstores frightened Joe. He worried that if he entered one, his secret would be out. People might discover he couldn't read.

When he learned to read, it was like coming out of a hole where he hid through most of his 70 years. Recently Joe was a guest speaker at a literacy awareness event. He



tried to tell his story, but his eyes filled with tears and his voice choked with emotion over the joy of finally knowing how to read. He had to

stop, but that was OK, because his tears and choked words were a fitting testimony to the value of Gateway Community Action Partnership's Literacy Volunteers program.

Joe, in his third year in the program, reads books now, has a Kindle, and can't get enough of the books he buys online. The world has opened up for him.



Mission Statement

The Mission of Gateway Community Action Partnership is to provide services that improve the quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.

Gateway Literacy Volunteers

Gateway Literacy Volunteers program will effectively train volunteer tutors to help low-level and ESL adult learners realize educational, personal or professional growth; foster awareness of literacy services; and promote the benefit of literacy to the entire community.

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Free One-on-One Tutoring

Basic Literacy

More than 40 million adults in the United States are functionally illiterate. They cannot read a newspaper, fill out a job application, or share a story with their children at bedtime.

More importantly, these adults cannot read street signs or even the directions for medications that they give to their children.

Many lack the skills to cope successfully as workers, parents, and citizens. They may have good work experience, and a solid work ethic, but their inability to read keeps them from achieving their goals.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

More than two million residents of New Jersey speak a language other than English at home. Strengthening English skills can help non-native speakers become more confident, productive and active members of their communities.

Free, Confidential, and Convenient

Adult learners are paired with volunteer tutors in their area. Tutors and learners meet once a week for one to two hours in a private space in a public place, such as the local library. Tutoring sessions are scheduled at a mutually convenient time and day.

If you know an adult, who needs help reading, writing, or speaking English, call Gateway's Literacy program today. Your referral is completely confidential.

You will not only be empowering someone to read. You will be helping that person get the skills to build a better tomorrow.



Volunteers

Give the Gift of Literacy

Literacy is the key to self-sufficiency, and YOU can make a difference. Become a volunteer tutor and help someone improve their reading, writing, or English skills

Free Training

Tutor training classes meet once a week for 5 weeks and are held at various locations in Salem and Cumberland counties. Day and evening training is available. Please call for the schedule.



Requirements

Tutors must be 18 years of age or older, with a high school diploma or equivalent. Tutors should be able to understand English well enough to communicate clearly. Interested volunteers must complete the 15-hour training and required course work to be eligible to tutor.

Commitment

Training is free, but we ask tutors to commit to one year of volunteer tutoring for Literacy Volunteers. Tutors should not tutor for hire using the Literacy Volunteers name.

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About Us

Literacy Volunteers of Salem/Cumberland is a non-profit organization affiliated with Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey and accredited by ProLiteracy. We are one of many programs offered by Gateway Community Action Partnership to improve quality of life and promote self-sufficiency.

Our Vision

Gateway Literacy Volunteers program staff believes everyone should have an opportunity to read. Literacy Volunteers exists to improve the reading, writing, listening and speaking skills of adults in Cumberland and Salem counties who read at or below the sixth grade level. We bring together dedicated adult learners and committed, well-trained volunteers for their mutual growth and satisfaction and for the good of their families and the community by providing free, student-centered instruction.

Recognition

Literacy Volunteers of Salem/Cumberland is the proud recipient of the 2011 Alice M. Lepert Award for Outstanding Affiliate Achievement awarded by Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey.

**For more information on referring
a learner or becoming a tutor, call
(856) 497-6645**



