



## Literacy Volunteers of Westchester and Rockland Counties

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Since 1979, Literacy Volunteers of Westchester and Rockland (LVW/RC) have provided free one-to-one and small group tutoring in Basic Literacy (BL) and in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to more than 25,000 undereducated and economically disadvantaged Westchester adults.

Our staff and volunteers “reach the hardest to reach and teach the hardest to teach” – native born adults who read at less than a fifth-grade level, and non-English-speaking adults who may have only marginal literacy skills in their home languages.

*We recruit, train, and support community volunteers to act as tutors; however, the cost to recruit, train, match, supply, and support one student/tutor pair for one year is approximately \$1,000.*

The member libraries of the Westchester and Rockland Library Systems are key partners in this effort. LVW/RC receives in-kind space and support from the Yonkers Riverfront Library, The Mount Vernon Public Library, the Finkelstein Memorial Library in Spring Valley, and the New City Library.

In addition to tutoring, we offer classes at local libraries, churches, and community groups, providing a wide range of levels of ESOL instruction ranging from the most basic up to citizenship preparation. These classes are led by professional instructors who have been recruited and trained by LVW/RC. Those instructors working with very low-level non-English speakers employ LVW/RC’s own unique curriculum, “U.S. Civics for Immigrants: From Native Language to English Literacy” (USCFI), which is in use in adult education programs throughout New York State.

LVW/RC also offers workplace-based, Vocational ESOL (VESOL) classes to local companies who want to improve their employees’ English-speaking skills for improved customer satisfaction and better communication on the job. LVW/RC is currently conducting VESOL classes at seven major hotels in Westchester.