

LITERACY LINKS

Haverstraw Literacy Zone Family Welcome Center

Special Points of Interest

- Haverstraw Literacy Zone Update
- President's Corner

Community Calendar

- Haverstraw Collaborative
1st Wed. of the Month
Haverstraw Center
845 429-5731
- Immigration Coalition
1st Friday of the Month
peacepoet@aol.com
- ESOL Classes
Haverstraw Literacy Zone
845 429-5731 ext 13
- North Rockland Central School District Info
845 942-3000
- Information Rockland
845 364-2020
- BOCES Info
845 348-3528

HLZ – OUR FOURTH YEAR BEGINS!

The Haverstraw Literacy Zone is honored to be on the verge of its fourth year of service to the Village of Haverstraw. It has been our privilege to become part of this vibrant, diversified community, and we look forward to serving its residents for years to come.

Our fall semester of ESOL classes will begin on September 26, 2016. We will be offering : 1) US Civics for Immigrants-From Native Language to English Literacy , our basic literacy course developed specifically for beginners; 2) Advanced Beginner Class; 3) Low-Multilevel Class; and 4) High Multilevel Class. All classes meet twice a week from 6-9 PM at Haverstraw Elementary School. As part of our "Enlace" collaboration, BOCES will be offering advanced ESOL and TASC classes for local residents. BOCES classes begin on

September 6, 2016. Participants in all classes are welcome to attend monthly parent meetings hosted at HES by Haverstraw Center that focus on a variety of topics that address issues relevant to parents and families in the community. Child care for ESOL classes is provided by the YMCA of Rockland and supported by Literacy Solutions NY and the generosity of the YMCA. We are indebted to Benito Herrero, Principal of Haverstraw Elementary School, for his on-going support of community education activities and his willingness to share his school building with the HLZ.

We are proud to be working with so many dedicated agencies serving Haverstraw residents and their families.

Partners in the HLZ

- The Haverstraw Center & Haverstraw Collaborative
- Catholic Charities Community Services
- Haverstraw King's Daughters Library
- Headstart of Rockland
- North Rockland Central School District
- Rockland County Dept. of Social Services
- Rockland County Work Force Development Board
- Rockland Community College
- Rockland County Career Center
- YMCA of Rockland
- Literacy Solutions NY

COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN HAVERSTRAW

Haverstraw residents are very fortunate to have a host of great resources on their doorstep. Here are just a few!!

Haverstraw Center
50 West Broad Street
845 429-5731

Family, children and youth, educational programs. Counseling. Sports & Recreation.
Monday thru Saturday

Haverstraw King's Daughters Library –2 sites

Main Branch
10 West Ramapo Road
Garnerville
845 786-3800

Village Branch
85 Main Street
845 429-3445

Rockland Community College
37 West Broad Street
845 786-5340
Rockland County Career Center
37 West Broad Street
845 406-6450

Take advantage of the opportunities in your community. They are here to serve you!!

PRESIDENT’S CORNER
PATRICIA P. RAJALA, PRES/CEO
NEW ROCKLAND OFFICE FOR NEW AMERICANS

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Patricia Rajala

*Pres/CEO
 Literacy
 Solutions
 NY*

Friends: It is with a great deal of pride in our organization that we announce that Literacy Solutions NY, Inc. has been awarded the Office for New Americans Opportunity Center (ONA) for Rockland County.

There are 27 ONAs in New York State, funded by the New York State Department of State. We are pleased to welcome Rockland resident Andrea Fermin, LCSW as the ONA Program Manager. She will work with Anne Carey-Colorado, who will assume the duties of Communications Manager for the ONA in addition to her role as Community Liaison for our Haverstraw Literacy Zone Family Welcome Center.

The ONA consists of four “pillars”: the first is English for Speakers of Other Languages instruction. The second is assistance with the naturalization process, from help in filling out the citizenship application to

legal counsel and representation. This includes citizenship drives at various locations in Rockland, accompanied by legal counseling sessions for those whose applications are more complex .

The third pillar is the offering of community information sessions on such varied issues as consumer information and financial literacy to Common Core for parents.

The fourth is entrepreneurship training—starting and growing your own business.

Our partners in the ONA are Empire Justice Center, which will provide an immigration attorney for legal consultation days and citizenship drives; the Small Business Development Corporation and the Entrepreneurship Assistance Program which will

lead the entrepreneurship seminars. Rockland Workforce Development Board will be a great asset to the entrepreneurship programs. Rockland Community College offered space for the ONA office, and the Salvation Army will host the inaugural ESOL classes. Haverstraw Center, as our home base, will continue to be the site for the HLZ and, as the ONA program progresses, ONA activities will be held there as well.

The Office for New Americans is a county-wide program. As such, we will be seeking assistance from libraries and similar entities to host citizenship drives and other events in communities throughout the county.

Ultimately, we see the ONA as the final step on our students’ journeys to full participation in American society—from new immigrant to citizen. We look forward to welcoming many more new Americans!

Volunteer Your Time

Please Donate:

- Turkeys
- Food
- Paper Goods
- Snacks
- Beverages
- Decorations
- Gifts

**All Donations
 Gratefully Accepted**

**Believe It Or Not,
 The Holidays Are On The Horizon**

Each year the Haverstraw Center sponsors a series of special events to insure that Village residents enjoy the holidays to the fullest!!

Join the effort and share the joy!

Halloween Party, Thanksgiving Luncheon, Christmas Party & Dinner

These are just a few of the events Haverstraw Center hosts for the community each year. Plans are underway, staff is in place, but you are the most important ingredient! Your participation is essential to the success of the events. Do you have a little time to donate to making a child smile? You can cook a turkey, make a special dessert, help serve lunch or dinner, or maybe distribute toys!! If you cannot donate your time, please consider donating a turkey, holiday food items, or a gift for a local youngster. If you don’t have time to shop, a financial donation will be greatly appreciated and the staff will do the shopping for you!!

For information, please call Nikki Merriman at 845 429-5731 ext 20

**IT TAKES MANY PARTNERS TO
SERVE A VILLAGE AND A COUNTY**

Literacy Solutions NY, Inc. is grateful to all the agencies who support our efforts to serve residents of the Village of Haverstraw and now, through the new Office for New Americans Opportunity Center, residents county-wide. We thank you and look forward to working with you on many current projects in the months and years ahead.

Our partners include:

- Center for Safety and Change
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Finkelstein Library
- Good Samaritan Hospital
- Haverstraw Place
- HiTor Animal Shelter
- Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network
- Meals on Wheels
- New City Library
- Nyack Hospital
- Open Arms
- People to People
- Planned Parenthood
- Planet Rockland
- Ramapo Catskill Library System
- Rockland County Dept. of Health
- Rockland County Dept. of Mental Health
- Rockland County Office for the Aging
- Rockland Economic Development Corp.
- Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
- Salvation Army
- Rockland Immigration Coalition

These agencies cover many aspects of human and community services, and all offer a helping hand to individuals and families in need. Some we work with frequently, others on an as-needed basis, or for referrals; all are valued associates.

Working together is the key to making a difference in our communities.

Thank you for working with Literacy Solutions NY, Inc. and thank you for improving the lives of so many residents of Rockland County.

Thank you to all the dedicated not-for-profit agencies in Rockland County.

You make a tremendous difference in many lives.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
LOPEZ FAMILY**

The Village of Haverstraw has a most welcome new resident.

Mila is the "little sister" of 2 year old "big brother" Lucas.

Her full head of black hair and big brown eyes charmed all of us.

Mila Grace Lopez, daughter of Vanessa &

Proud mom Vanessa is the Administrative Assistant at Haverstraw Center.

Pete Fata, Haverstraw Center Assistant Director, commented that Mila is the first "Haverstraw Center baby" in many, many years.

Dagoberto Lopez, made her grand entrance at 4:03 AM on August 3, 2016.

On August 30, Vanessa brought her new bundle of joy to visit staff and was greeted by "oohs & ahs" galore!

Best wishes to the entire Lopez Family.

Welcome to the World Mila Grace Lopez!!

Literacy Solutions NY, Inc.

Patricia Rajala
President & CEO

Westchester County Office
Yonkers Riverfront Library
1 Larkin Center
Yonkers, NY 10701

914 375-7964

Rockland County Office
New City Library
220 North Main Street
New City, NY 10956

845 708-9072

Haverstraw Literacy Zone
Family Welcome Center

Office for New Americans

50 West Broad St.
Haverstraw, NY 10927

845 429-5731 x13

ESOL Class information
Contact Ana Diaz,
Academic Coordinator

917 520-1736

Literacy Solutions NY, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing student-centered English literacy services to adults in Westchester and Rockland counties, specialized services in the Haverstraw Literacy Zone, and is a community resource for the advancement of literacy in both counties.

The Haverstraw Literacy Zone Family Welcome Center

at

Haverstraw Center



Helping you towards a brighter future

***VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED***

***STUDENTS
WAITING***

***YOUR CHOICE
OF TUTOR SITES***

***HELP YOUR
NEIGHBORS
REACH THEIR
POTENTIAL***

***YOUR HELP WILL
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE***

The logo for Literacy Solutions NY, Inc. features the words "Literacy Solutions" in a blue, serif font, with "NY INC." in a smaller, red, sans-serif font below it. A stylized blue and red graphic element is positioned to the left of the text.

SERVICES PROVIDED IN WESTCHESTER AND ROCKLAND

Literacy Solutions NY has been providing services in Westchester County since 1983. In 2006, Literacy Solutions NY and Literacy Volunteers of Rockland joined forces to serve students in all areas of both counties.

Services offered by Literacy Solutions NY include:

- Citizenship Classes
- US Civics for Immigrants
- English Classes
- Basic Literacy
- One-to-One Tutoring
- Tutor Training
- Haverstraw Literacy Zone
- Office for New Americans Opportunity Center

Teresa Avila, Administrative Coordinator, and Jenny Mosquera, Yonkers Coordinator, work together to bring

literacy services to all corners of Westchester County. Although our students hail from many Westchester communities, and we offer services county-wide, our busiest locations are Yonkers, Mount Vernon, White Plains, Mt. Kisco, Peekskill, and Ossining. For information, please call Teresa or Jenny at 914 375-7964.

Activities offered in Rockland County are similar to those in Westchester, but include the additional services offered by the Haverstraw Literacy Zone and the ONA.

HLZ and ONA activities include:

- ESOL Classes
- Job Readiness
- Community Workshops
- Case Management
- Citizenship Classes
- Skills Development

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HLZ/ONA Communications
Manager
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