

LITERACY LINKS



Haverstraw Literacy Zone Family Welcome

Special Points of Interest

- Haverstraw Literacy Zone Update
- President's Corner

Community Calendar

- Haverstraw Collaborative
1st Wednesday of the Month
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
- BOCES Info
845 348-3500
- Rockland Community College
845 786-2392
- Rockland Office for New Americas
845 826-5022

HAVERSTRAW LITERACY ZONE SPRING 2017 UPDATE

The Haverstraw Literacy Zone is eager to begin its 8th round of ESOL classes serving residents of the Village of Haverstraw. Since we opened our doors in 2013, activities have included:

- Teaching ESOL to over 800 students;
- Providing over 2500 case management services to students, families, and village residents;
- Hosting a job fair for local residents;
- Working with Haverstraw Elementary School to bring topical presentations to parents and community residents;
- In concert with Haverstraw Center, providing monthly informational programs for the HC parents group and HLZ students;

- Joining with Rockland BOCES, Rockland Community College, North Rockland Central School District, and the Rockland County Career Center to form "Enlace", providing a continuum of educational services for Haverstraw residents.

We are deeply grateful to all our partners and agency colleagues who have welcomed us to the Haverstraw community, and helped us deliver services that make a difference in many lives.

Special thanks to the Rockland County YMCA for continuing to provide excellent child-care services during ESOL classes. Without this valuable service, many students would be unable to attend class. Thank you for your support.

Partners in the HLZ

- The Haverstraw Center & Haverstraw Collaborative
- Catholic Charities Community Services
- Haverstraw King's Daughters Library
- Head Start 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
- Rockland County YMCA
- Literacy Solutions NY

COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN HAVERSTRAW

Haverstraw residents are fortunate to have a host of resources within their community. Here are just a few!!
Haverstraw Center
50 West Broad Street
845 429-5731
Children /youth, educational programs, counseling, sports & recreation, and family services.

Haverstraw King's Daughters Library—Main Library
10 W. Ramapo Road
Garnerville NY
845 786-3800

Village Branch
85 Main Street
Haverstraw, NY
845 429-3445

Rockland Community College
37 West Broad Street
Haverstraw, New York
845 786-2392

Please take advantage of the many resources in your community. They will help you achieve your goals.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PATRICIA RAJALA, PRES. & CEO

Literacy Solutions NY, Inc. Announces Move to a Home of Our Own

“From the board and staff of Literacy Solutions NY, Inc., thank you to all of our Rockland County hosts. We appreciate your generosity and look forward to continuing to serve Rockland residents.”

*Pat
Rajala*

As a guest of Haverstraw Center, local libraries, and recently RCC-Haverstraw with our ONA program, Literacy Solutions NY, Inc. has been serving residents of Rockland County for many years. But, recent expansion has created the need for more space to accommodate our new programs and our growing staff.

We are pleased to announce that the new home of Literacy Solutions NY, Inc. will be located at:

63 New Main Street
Haverstraw, New York

We are currently furnishing and preparing the space for occupancy. We anticipate being open for business at the new site in the next few weeks. Although administrative offices will be in a new location, we will continue to provide services at Haverstraw Center, RCC, local libraries and other sites throughout the county. We are deeply grateful to our hosts and thank them for opening their “homes” to Literacy Solutions NY, Inc.

Our doors are always be open to all of you!

“ As a staff and community, we come together for two reasons,

- 1) To provide a safe and fun-filled experience for the children, and
- 2) To provide a worry-free week for the parents.

Staff, parents, children and volunteers look forward to this event every year.”

Vanessa Lopez
Administrative Assistant
Haverstraw Center

Unity in the Community *A Haverstraw Center Tradition*

Spring break is eagerly anticipated by local school children and teens, but is it overshadowed with concern by parents. Many of the working parents in our community have limited financial resources and cannot afford childcare; yet they cannot leave their children without supervision while they are home from school. That is when Haverstraw Center steps in with its unique ‘Unity in the Community’ program. It provides a week of programming designed to keep the children and teens engaged in productive, educational and recreational activities . “Unity in the Community” offers a host of age appropriate workshops and seminars, trips to local recreational venues, as well as lunch each day. This year the program will operate April 10-14 from 11 AM to 6 PM, and is open to participants ages 6-16.

Haverstraw Center staff are working hard to provide a great spring break program for community youth, but they need your help.

If you would like to be part of “Unity in the Community”, you can:

- * present a workshop, * volunteer your time, * donate food, fruit, drinks, snacks,
- * or you can make a financial donation. All donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information call: Vanessa Lopez at Haverstraw Center 845 429-5731 ext 10

FINKELSTEIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY A ROCKLAND COUNTY TREASURE

This year, Finkelstein Memorial Library is celebrating its centennial year of service to Rockland residents. The library opened this milestone year by doing what it does so well: focusing on the needs of local residents. It inaugurated its centennial by holding monthly gift basket drawings for library patrons. It also forgave fines during amnesty week.

In honor of this accomplishment, Finkelstein Memorial Library will be hosting a special activity each month. Check their website, finkelsteinlibrary.org, or call 845 352-5700, for complete details.

On April 23, FML is hosting a "Centennial Celebration Ribbon Cutting Ceremony", an all-day event celebrating its unique multicultural community of Spring Valley. FML, like all libraries, is filled with a wonderful array of books –

history, math, science, fiction, non-fiction, research—but it is also filled with a host of interactive activities for adults and children.

FML is also home to ESOL classes and citizenship preparation classes offered by Literacy Solutions, NY.

One of the ESOL classes is a unique "women only" created to meet the cultural needs of a group of refugee women from Yemen. Many had little or no education in their native language, but were very eager to learn the language of their adopted homeland. They attended classes faithfully, formed study groups with classmates, and worked tirelessly to achieve their goal of English literacy. Many have far exceeded their goals—some have achieved citizenship, a driver's license, or have begun taking

advanced classes. The women have also benefited from case management services, and have participated in workshops and seminars focusing on home and community safety, health care, domestic violence, and immigration issues.

We are proud to have FML as our partner in the classes and other services that we offer. Without their generosity, it would be extremely difficult to meet the needs of all the residents who reach out to us.

We congratulate Finkelstein Memorial Library on celebrating its centennial, and thank them for their unwavering commitment to serving all the residents of their diverse community.

Congratulations &
HAPPY First
100 YEARS!

"The Yemeni women in this class are an amazing group of people.

They worked tirelessly to achieve their goals & are truly role models for the women who follow them."

Gricelda Serrano
Lead Case Manager
& ESOL Teacher

Rockland Office for New Americans A Resource for Immigrants

The Rockland Office for New Americans is open to any resident of the county in need of assistance with immigration issues/questions. In the current national atmosphere, we want our neighbors to know that we are here to help.

Our services, funded by the New York State Department of State, include:

- ESOL Classes
- Legal Services
- Entrepreneurial & Community Workshops

- Preparation of Citizenship and other Applications Associated With Naturalization
- Trips to Local Historical Sites

All services, including trips, are free of charge.

In addition, Literacy Solutions NY offers citizenship preparation classes at local libraries and community centers free of charge.

For information about the Rockland Office for New Americans, please contact:
Andrea at 845 826-5022

For citizenship class info, please contact:
Jane at 845 558-4488

We look forward to working with you and helping you make the USA your home!!



Literacy Solutions NY, Inc.
Patricia Rajala
President & CEO

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

914 375-7964

Tutor Program
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

845 825-6141

Literacy Solutions NY, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing student-centered adult literacy services in Westchester and Rockland counties, offers specialized services through the Haverstraw Literacy Zone and the new Rockland Office for New Americans. Literacy Solutions NY, Inc. is a community resource for the advancement of literacy in both counties.

The Haverstraw Literacy Zone Family Welcome Center

Welcomes You and Your Family. We look forward to meeting you.



Helping you towards a brighter future

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for

LITERACY
STUDENTS
and

CITIZENSHIP
HOPEFULS

YOUR DONATION
OF TIME CAN
CHANGE A LIFE!

Call Christina at:
845 709-9072

Literacy Solutions
NY INC.

SERVICES PROVIDED IN WESTCHESTER AND ROCKLAND

Literacy Solutions NY, Inc. has been providing services in Westchester County since 1983. In 2006, Literacy Volunteers of Rockland and Literacy Solutions NY joined forces to serve adult 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, Operations/Data Manager, and Jenny Mosquera, Yonkers Coordinator, work together to bring literacy

services to all corners of Westchester County, and are now sharing their expertise with Rockland County. Our students hail from many communities, and we offer services county-wide. For Westchester 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 Rockland Office for New Americans.

HLZ and ONA activities include:

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

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