



**Services for
All Seasons &
All People**

LITERACY LINKS

Haverstraw Literacy Zone Family Welcome Center

Community Calendar/Info

- Haverstraw Collaborative
1st Wednesday of the
Month
845 429-5731
- Rockland Office
for New Americans
845 826-5022
- HLZ English Classes
845 825-6141
- North Rockland Central
School District
845 942-3000
- BOCES Information
845 348-3500
- Haverstraw Elementary
School
845 942-3400
- Immigration Coalition
1st Friday of the Month
peacepoet@aol.com
- Literacy Solutions
Rockland Headquarters
845 499-5464

HAVERSTRAW LITERACY ZONE BEGINS 6TH YEAR OF SERVICES IN HAVERSTRAW

The Haverstraw Literacy Zone began its services to Haverstraw residents in the conference room of Haverstraw Center in September 2013. Before long, local residents stopped by to welcome us and see what we had to offer. As word spread, people began to visit almost daily to learn about ESOL classes, case management, and other HLZ services.

Since those early days in the conference room, we have expanded services, added programs, and moved into our new Rockland administrative center at 63 New Main Street.

Our newest program, the Rockland Office for New Americans, while not an HLZ program, is under the Literacy Solutions umbrella and works closely with the Literacy Zone to publicize immigrant services including citizenship applications and legal assistance to immigrants throughout the county.

All services provided are free of charge.

Services provided by the Haverstraw Literacy Zone include:

- English Classes
- Case Management
- Monthly Seminars for Local Parent Group in Collaboration with Haverstraw Center
- Special Community Presentations Focusing on Immigration Issues
- Annual Job Fair
- Community Outreach
- Citizenship Classes

The Board and staff of the Haverstraw Literacy Zone is pleased to be providing vital services to the residents of the Village of Haverstraw.

We are deeply grateful for your support and look forward to working with you for years to come.

Thank you for making the HLZ part of the Haverstraw Family.

Partners in the HLZ

- Haverstraw Center
- Haverstraw Collaborative
- Catholic Charities Community Services
- Haverstraw King's Daughters Library
- Head Start of Rockland
- Haverstraw Elementary School
- North Rockland Central School District
- Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
- Rockland County Dept. of Social Services
- Rockland County Workforce Development Board
- Rockland County Career Center
- Rockland County YMCA
- United Way of Rockland County
- Literacy Solutions NY, Inc.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN HAVERSTRAW

Haverstraw residents live in a community filled with great **free** resources. Here are just a few!!

Haverstraw Center

50 West Broad Street
845 429-5731

Children /youth, educational programs, counseling, sports & recreation, and family services.

Rockland County Career Center

37 West Broad Street
Haverstraw, NY
845 406-6450

Head Start of Rockland

117 Route 9W
Haverstraw, New York
845 429-4122

Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library

Main Branch

10 West Ramapo Road
845 786-3800

Village Branch

85 Main Street
845 429-3445

Take advantage of your
community's resources.

*Special
Thanks from
the Staff of
Literacy
Solutions
and the
Haverstraw
Literacy
Zone*

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**To Our Haverstraw Family:
Thank You For Your Friendship and
Support During the Growth
& Development of the
Haverstraw Literacy Zone.
We Could Not Have Done it Without
YOU!**

**With Deepest Appreciation from
Michael Levy, Board Chair
Susan Thaler, Vice-Chair
Julie Gallanty
Daniel Grijalva
Benito Herrero
Carolyn Julien
Patricia Vaughan
Francine Vernon
Deborah Wood**



As we mark this important milestone, I would like to celebrate you, our colleagues; as well as the dedicated staff of Literacy Solutions, who have worked with you to enrich the lives of so many members of the Haverstraw community. Special thanks to our devoted Board of Directors for their guidance and support as the LZ became a reality. Thank you to all of you!

Sincerely,
Pat Rajala

Meet the Rockland County District Attorney

Thomas P. Zugibe

Tom Zugibe has been a part of Rockland County's legal system for more than 3 decades. He has been in private practice; a West Haverstraw Village Justice; a prosecutor; and, since 2008, District Attorney of Rockland County.

In his role as District Attorney, he oversees 30 prosecutors and 24 criminal investigators focused on investigating and prosecuting major crimes throughout the county. All too often, people see prosecutors as only interested in convictions, and not concerned about the well-being of local residents. That is surely not the case with Tom Zugibe!

He is a man with a big heart, a deep respect for the law, and a strong belief that every resident of the county deserves to be treated with dignity, fairness and justice. Toward that end, Mr. Zugibe has spearheaded several

innovative legal initiatives addressing a host of difficult legal and social issues including substance abuse, at-risk youth, behavioral health, and working with people with developmental disabilities.

His latest endeavor, in cooperation with the County Executive Ed Day, is the creation of a special Unit known as the "Immigrant Affairs Unit". It is a program designed to encourage both documented and undocumented immigrant crime victims and witnesses to come forward without fear of being ignored, or worse yet, turned over to immigration due to their status.

[As per Mr. Zugibe, 100% of Rockland police departments and all government agencies are on board with this policy.](#)

Mr. Zugibe explained that not only can this unit protect crime victims and/or witnesses, but it can also become a "pathway to citizenship" by way of a U-Visa. The U-Visa is a special visa that opens the door for crime victims/witnesses who have come forward and cooperated with law enforcement to begin the path to citizenship. Mr. Zugibe has signed several hundreds of U-Visas and urges all immigrants to come forward when they have witnessed or been victims of a crime.

[County Executive Ed Day and District Attorney Tom Zugibe stand together to serve all Rockland County residents, regardless of immigration status!](#)



"In Rockland County, justice is for all residents, not just a select few."

*Thomas P. Zugibe
Rockland County
District Attorney*

Immigrant Affairs Unit

Tina Guccione, Executive Assistant District Attorney

Tina Guccione has been with the Rockland County District Attorney's Office since 1997, and has led the "Immigrant Affairs Unit" since it was inaugurated in 2018. She is dedicated to serving the needs of immigrants who have been crime victims or who have witnessed crimes. In an effort to spread the word about the unit, Ms. Guccione participates in "Know Your Rights" presentations and works closely with immigration organizations county-wide; while Assistant District Attorneys under her supervision are beginning to attend local collaborative meetings to share information with service providers.

The Rockland District Attorney's Office is a member of the NYS District Attorneys League of Immigrant Affairs (DALIA), whose mission is to facilitate inter-jurisdictional cooperation and consistency in the prosecution of crimes that target members of immigrant communities. The group meets monthly to share information and works closely with grass-roots immigration organizations to encourage people in need of assistance to come forward.

The Immigrant Affairs Unit accepts complaints for all types of crimes including domestic violence, human trafficking, immigration fraud, sexual abuse, and hate crimes.

[If you need help, reach out to the Immigrant Affairs Unit at: \(845\) 638-5022 or info@rocklandcountyda.com](#)

"The "Immigrant Affairs Unit" was created to help immigrants victimized by crime or witnesses to crime. Don't be afraid to come forward."

*Tina Guccione
Executive
Assistant District
Attorney*

Literacy Solutions NY, Inc.
Patricia Rajala
President & CEO

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

914 375-7964

Tutor/Volunteer Center
New City Library
220 North Main Street
New City, NY 10956

845 708-9072

Haverstraw Literacy Zone
63 New Main Street
Haverstraw, NY 10927

845 499-5464

ESOL Class Information
Contact Ana Diaz,
Academic Coordinator

845 825-6141

Rockland Office for
New Americans
63 New Main Street
Haverstraw, NY 10927

845 826-5022

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LITERACY
STUDENTS
and
CITIZENSHIP
HOPEFULS
ARE WAITING FOR
YOUR HELP

YOUR DONATION
OF TIME CAN
CHANGE A LIFE!

Contact Christina
at:
845 708-9072

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

[ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE HLZ FAMILY WELCOME CENTER!](#)



Helping you towards a brighter future

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 Jennie Mosquera, Yonkers Coordinator, work together to bring literacy services to all corners of Westchester County. Our students hail from many communities, and we offer services county-wide.

For Westchester information, please call Teresa or Jennie 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
- Assistance with Citizenship Applications & Other Immigration Forms
- Legal Consultation Days
- Annual Citizenship Drive

[All Services Are Provided Free of Charge & Without Regard for Immigration Status](#)

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