

# LITERACY LINKS

All services, except ESOL books, are provided without charge to participants.

## Haverstraw Literacy Zone Family Welcome Center



### Community Calendar

- Haverstraw Collaborative  
1st Wed. of Each Month  
Haverstraw Center  
(845)429-5731
  - Haverstraw Literacy Zone  
(845) 499-5464  
(845) 502-0114
  - North Rockland Central School District  
845 942-3000
- Village of Haverstraw Village Hall  
40 New Main Street  
(845) 429-0300
- Village Board Meeting  
1 & 3rd Mondays of Each Month

## **HAVERSTRAW LITERACY ZONE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF HAVERSTRAW**

### 10 Years & Going Strong

This section usually lists services provided by the Haverstraw Literacy Zone, (HLZ) but for our 10th Anniversary, we want to focus on those who have supported the Haverstraw Literacy Zone since it was just an idea posed by **Pat Rajala, recently retired LSNY Pres/CEO**.

Pat learned of the "Literacy Zone" concept through her extensive work with adult literacy in New York State. "Literacy Zones" were developed by the NYS Education Department to bring not only literacy services, but comprehensive case management services to close the achievement gap in communities having concentrated poverty and limited literacy and/or English proficiency. The Village of Haverstraw was identified as such a community.

Pat knew that she wanted Literacy Solutions to bring these services to the residents of the Village of Haverstraw! To do so, required two elements: 1) approval of the Village of Haverstraw; and 2) finding a home base within the Village.

Village approval was quickly attained when Mayor Michael Kohut welcomed the Haverstraw

Literacy Zone to the Village with open arms. Without Mayor Kohut's approval, the HLZ would not be in the Village of Haverstraw. We are deeply grateful to Mayor Kohut & the Board of Trustees for welcoming LSNY to the Village of Haverstraw. It has been out privilege to serve the residents since 2013 & we look forward to continuing to be a presence in the Village for many years to come. **Thank you Mayor Kohut, Village Trustees, and Village Residents.**

Finding a home base could have been a major problem, but Marion Breland, Executive Director of Haverstraw Center stepped up immediately and offered the HLZ space in Haverstraw Center. If Marion had not been so generous, the establishment of the HLZ would have taken much longer, or it may not have happened at all. **We are deeply grateful to Marion Breland & the Staff of Haverstraw Center for welcoming the HLZ to the Haverstraw Center Family.**

### Partners in the HLZ

- American Job Center
- Haverstraw Center & Haverstraw Collaborative
- Catholic Charities Community Services
- Haverstraw African American Connection
- Haverstraw King's Daughters Library
- Haverstraw Elementary School
- Head Start of Rockland
- North Rockland Central School District
- Rockland County Dept. of Social Services
- Rockland County Work Force Development Bd
- Rockland Community College
- Rockland County YMCA
- Rotary Club of North Rockland
- United Way of Rockland
- Village of Haverstraw
- Literacy Solutions NY

## **COMMUNITY RESOURCES IN HAVERSTRAW**

### Haverstraw Center

50 West Broad Street  
845 429-5731

Family, Children and Youth, Educational Programs. Counseling, Sports & Recreation.

**For Haverstraw Center Holiday Programs Call: (845) 429-5731**

### Village of Haverstraw

40 New Main Street  
Haverstraw, NY  
(845) 429-0300

### Haverstraw King's Daughters Library

Main Branch 10 W. Ramapo Rd. Garnerville (845) 786-3800  
Village Branch 85 Main Street, Haverstraw (845) 429-3445  
Adult, children & teen programs, programs, library cards, digital services, book clubs & more.  
Open 7 days a week.

Please take advantage of the many resources your community provides for you.

They are here to help you achieve your goals.

Everyone is Welcome!



Benito Herrero discussing the agency 's services with Eileen Lima, Treasurer of the Rotary Club of North Rockland

## *PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS* *BENITO HERRERO, PRES/CEO* *LITERACY SOLUTIONS NY*

Literacy Solutions has been serving the literacy needs of native born and recent arrivals for over 40 years. The agency is focused on addressing the literacy needs of adults anxious to improve their English skills. Currently, individuals from over 38 countries around the world participate in our classes and tutoring sessions. This year, LSNY is providing ESOL classes to over 225 adult learners in Rockland County and over 125 in Westchester County. In addition to our adult ESOL classes, we also offer one-to-one tutoring sessions

provided by highly skilled volunteer tutors; the majority of whom are retired professionals eager to share their expertise with adult learners.

The work that Literacy Solutions does is very dear to me. In the early days of my career in the US, I worked as a GED center administrator and a Spanish teacher in New York City.

I witnessed first hand the value and importance of adults having the opportunity to access educational resources, particularly literacy services, whether they were native born English speakers or recent arrivals from nations around the world.

Now, working with Literacy Solutions, I have an opportunity to work with an organization that not only provides educational resources to adults, but offers participants the opportunity to develop the skills needed to overcome life's daily challenges. LSNY provides workshops on topical issues including employment research; resume preparation; and financial literacy. LSNY is proud to have the opportunity to serve the residents of Rockland and Westchester counties.

*Thoughts from*  
*Marion E. Breland,*  
*LCSW-R, CASAC-G, CPP*  
*Director of Youth and*  
*Family Services,*  
*Village of Haverstraw*

“Literacy Solutions has done so much to transform and enrich the lives of so many people in our beloved community. As the Director of Haverstraw Center and Chair of the Haverstraw Collaborative, I can only express my deepest gratitude for the ways that Literacy Solutions has always “stepped up” to serve those with English language learning needs—not only by providing high-quality language instruction, but also through the obvious care and concern of each staff member, and the ability to both look at and address the “bigger picture” of each person’s needs to ensure their success. Especially in consideration of the specific needs of those who live and work in our local area, Haverstraw Center is proud to have provided Literacy Solutions with its very first “home” in Rockland County 10 years ago, and thrilled that the program is now a mainstay and a trusted partner in serving our community. Thank you so much for all that you do for residents of the Village of Haverstraw and the larger Rockland County Community”!!

***Meet Richard Sena***  
***Trustee & Commissioner of Youth & Family Services***  
***Village of Haverstraw***

Richard Sena, a Rockland County resident and successful business owner for over 40 years, and has been a resident of the Village of Haverstraw since 2020. He has been involved with local not-for-profit organizations for many years in an effort to support organizations that make a difference in residents' lives and promote the positive aspects of the Village of Haverstraw. Examples of Richard's not-for-profit involvement include Haverstraw RiverWide Arts Fund, a sponsor of the fun-filled and highly successful "Haverstraw Food Crawl", which at Richard's suggestion, became incorporated in 2016; and the Haverstraw Brick Museum, a wonderful source of Village history dating back generations. The Brick Museum tells the history of the industry when 40 brick factories employed thousands of local residents, the majority of whom were immigrants. The Museum is open to the public and provides great insight into the changing face of the Village through the years. In 2016 Richard was asked to join the board of the Brick Museum, and just a year later he was elected board President of the organization. He continues in that role today.

Richard began attending Village Board Meetings to gain a better understanding of the inner workings of the Village, and found he enjoyed the interaction between Village residents and the Board Members. In April of 2020 a Board of Trustees vacancy occurred, and Mayor Kohut appointed Richard to fill the vacancy. Each Village Trustee is assigned a specific area of responsibility for Village operations. Richard has been assigned as Commissioner of Youth & Family Services. In that role, he works very closely with Haverstraw Center to insure that local families, children and youth have access to diversified services designed to help them overcome the challenges they face on a daily basis. Richard thoroughly enjoys living and working in the Village of Haverstraw, and is very proud to be a Village of Haverstraw Trustee.



Visit the Village of Haverstraw & all its attractions—including its many great restaurants, the African American Memorial Park, the Brick Museum, and the eclectic shops that line Village streets.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for

## LITERACY STUDENTS and

## CITIZENSHIP HOPEFULS

***YOUR DONATION  
OF TIME and  
EXPERTISE CAN  
CHANGE A LIFE!***



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

*The Haverstraw Literacy Zone Family Welcome Center*



Helping you towards a brighter future

## SERVICES PROVIDED IN WESTCHESTER AND ROCKLAND

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

Services offered by Literacy Solutions NY include:

- English Classes
- Basic Literacy
- Case Management
- Tutor Training
- One-to-One Tutoring
- Haverstraw Literacy Zone
- Citizenship Services

Westchester County Contacts:

Teresa Avila, Data/Operations Manager, Jennie Mosquera, Yonkers Coordinator, Laura Doty, Northern Westchester Tutor Manager, and Jordana Rogers, Data Associate, all work together to bring literacy ser-

ices to every corner of Westchester County. Our students hail from many communities, and we offer services county-wide, in both Rockland and Westchester. For additional information about Westchester services, please contact Teresa or Jenny at 914 375-7964, Laura at (914) 844-8026

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

HLZ and LSNY activities include:

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

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