



**LITERACY  
VOLUNTEERS**  
OF SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT  
— Linking Literacy to Our Community —

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### **VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTOR**

— *Literacy Volunteers Offers Tutor Training to Help Local Adults* —

Make a difference in someone else's life! Did you know there are more than 15,000 people in Milford and Stratford without a high school diploma? Did you know there are more than 1,600 adults who are not fluent in English. Did you know there are 46 non-English languages spoken in these cities? (Data taken from the Milford and Stratford School District Strategic School Profile, 2012-2013)

Literacy Volunteers is offering volunteer TUTOR TRAINING classes in ESL (English as a Second Language) and Basic Literacy.

TUTOR TRAINING classes in Milford will be held at Fannie Beach Community Center, 16 Dixon Street, Milford in Fall 2018.

TUTOR TRAINING classes in Stratford will be held at the Sterling House, 2283 Main St. Stratford from 5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. in April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2018.

Volunteer tutors will learn techniques to assist Basic Literacy and ESL students with dialogue, listening comprehension, oral fluency, phonics, reading comprehension and writing skills. No previous teaching experience required! All prospective tutors will be interviewed in advance. For further information, call The Literacy office between the hours of 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 203-878-4800 or stop by the Stratford Library Satellite Office on Mondays or Wednesdays, 10:00 - 12:00 or Milford Library, Wednesdays, 3:00 – 5:00.

Additionally, if you are interested in working with students preparing for their GED (General Equivalency Diploma) examination, or prefer to help adult students with basic literacy skills, call the Center's office to schedule your orientation meeting.

Literacy Volunteers is part of the ProLiteracy network of adult basic education and literacy programs. ProLiteracy is working with its member programs to raise awareness of available ESL services.

“Non-English speakers in the U.S. can fall behind in education or employment in an already challenging job market,” said David C. Harvey, president and CEO of ProLiteracy. “Language barriers can also prevent them from understanding important financial, educational, health care, employment or legal rights issues. By raising awareness of our members’ ESL programs, adults in need will know where to find resources that can help them gain skills to address everyday matters.”

For more information on Literacy Volunteers of Southern CT's ESL and other volunteer programs, visit [www.lvsct.org](http://www.lvsct.org) or call 203-878-4800.

### **About ProLiteracy**

ProLiteracy, based in Syracuse, New York, champions the power of literacy to improve the lives of adults and their families, communities, and societies. It works with adult new readers and learners and with local and national organizations to help adults gain the reading, writing, math, computer, and English skills they need to be successful. ProLiteracy advocates on behalf of adult learners and the programs that serve them, provides training and professional development, and publishes materials used in adult literacy instruction. ProLiteracy has 1,200 member programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and works with 125 nongovernmental international agencies. For more information, please go to [www.ProLiteracy.org](http://www.ProLiteracy.org) and [www.NewReadersPress.com](http://www.NewReadersPress.com).

