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Join LITERACY BUFFALO NIAGARA in our effort to create a future where all people in our community are literate.



LITERACY
BUFFALO NIAGARA

Change Starts With a Word

ABOUT US

Founded in 1965, LITERACY BUFFALO NIAGARA has a long history of providing literacy services to the Western NY community.

Literacy affects the day-to-day life of all adults: in the workplace, supermarkets, doctor's offices, when paying bills, and in social settings. Literacy is strongly impacted by socioeconomic factors such as income, educational opportunities in one's formative years, single-parent household status, and non-literate parents and guardians, making literacy a generational battle for many.

We want to see our community thrive, and we are dedicated to helping adults improve their literacy so they can reach their goals and break the intergenerational cycle of low literacy and poverty.

We estimate that **over 90,000 people** in Erie and Niagara Counties struggle with low literacy.



Literacy Buffalo Niagara's mission is to develop literacy skills by providing free tutoring in Erie and Niagara Counties through the engagement and training of diverse community volunteers.

Our vision is that all people in Erie and Niagara Counties are literate.

Literacy Buffalo Niagara students are extremely diverse, including native, immigrant and refugee communities, and we are devoted to helping them gain the literacy skills they need to fully succeed.

At Literacy Buffalo Niagara, we recognize that

“change starts with a word.”

BECOME A TUTOR

The LBN tutoring program takes dedication, consistency, and communication. While being a tutor is a large commitment, the rewards gained from the experience can be great. Before applying to become a literacy tutor, please review our requirements to ensure you are truly able to fulfill the position.

HOW IT WORKS

Applications will be reviewed for consideration. Our staff will contact you with more information about our programs and will answer any questions you may have.

If you are accepted to become a tutor, you will be invited to attend the initial training workshop series. Upon completion of training, staff will begin the process of assigning you to an adult student or adult education classroom.

All tutoring must take place in a public location. Tutors receive ongoing support from staff, including an individualized learning plan, materials, coaching, and additional monthly training.

ARE YOU A POTENTIAL TUTOR?

- You are at least 21 years old with a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma.
- You are proficient in reading, writing, listening, and speaking English.
- You are willing and able to commit to providing weekly tutoring for two hours a week, for at least one year.
- You can participate in all of the initial training workshops to begin tutoring, plus ongoing training throughout the program.
- You have a level of comfort with using a computer and email for training and communication with program staff.
- You are open to learning, no experience is required!
- You agree to adhere to all program requirements.

To learn more, please visit
LiteracyBuffalo.org

VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers share our belief that everyone in Erie and Niagara Counties deserves to be literate! If our tutoring program is too great a commitment for you, don't worry! There may be some other ways you can volunteer with Literacy Buffalo Niagara, including opportunities in our office and at our events.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Make a positive impact in our community
- Improve someone's life with the ability to read or speak English
- Open your world to learn about different cultures and lifestyles
- Help someone work towards their goals
- Improve the future of our community
- Challenge yourself and have fun
- Expand your network and meet new people
- Discover hidden potential and develop new talents
- Grow as a person, a professional, and a global citizen

Call us at 716.876.8991 to learn how you can make a positive impact as a LBN volunteer!

DONATE

Your donation supports programs that help make our community a better place. It's the most effective way to create lasting change, so every donation counts. Thank you for helping to improve lives locally!

Ways to donate include check or money order, PayPal, annual fundraising events, and supporting our charitable organization through AmazonSmile.

For more information on donation options, please visit LiteracyBuffalo.org/donate.

REFER SOMEONE

If you know someone who is interested in improving their reading or English skills, please refer them to us. Word-of-mouth is one of the most direct ways to spread the message of our organization.



CONTACT US



Get in touch with us
to learn more about
becoming a student
or volunteer!

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