

Literacy Committee, serving Hunterdon and Somerset Counties

Literacy Services

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Hunterdon County:

-Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Center 908-237-0016, 6 Gauntt Place, Flemington, NJ 08822 OneStop@co.somerset.nj.us Christopher Peake, One-Stop Operator

Provides quality, accessible and comprehensive employment and supportive services responsive to the needs of job seekers, employers and the community. Services for residents of Hunterdon and Somerset Counties include career and vocational counseling, access to training grants, basic computer and literacy instruction and employment-based case management in conjunction with the Hunterdon County Board of Social Services. Residents can also sign-up to participate in **SkillUp Greater Raritan**, a free online learning portal with more than 6,000 individual courses. Hundreds are also available in Spanish. To sign up, go to the Resources tab of www.thegrwdb.org, the website of the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board.

<u>-Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission</u> <u>www.hunterdonesc.org</u> Fran Leddy, Supervisor <u>fleddy@hunterdonesc.org</u>

Adult Programs and Services:

DDD - Thrive Day Habilitation thrive@hunterdonesc.org
Literacy classes are taught virtually and in person in different locations, including **Flemington**,

Franklin-Somerset and **Bound Brook**. For details call in Hunterdon County, 908-237-5000 and in Somerset County, 908-541-5781; email <u>adultliteracy@hunterdonesc.org</u>.

High School Equivalency Preparation English Language Acquisition Basic Computer Skills

-<u>Hunterdon Helpline</u> 908-782-4357, PO Box 246, Flemington, NJ <u>literacy@helplinehc.org</u>, Susan Lax, Executive Director

No barriers, one-on-one English instruction whether you are a native English speaker, or your first language is not English. This program is for adults, 18 and older, whose goals may include education, employment, citizenship and success navigating community resources.

Instruction is scheduled according to the needs, time and location of the student to ensure accessibility to learning.

-<u>Hunterdon County Library</u> Terry Edwards, Branch Manager, North County Branch, 65 Halstead Street, Clinton, NJ 08809, tedwards@hclibrary.us or call 908-713-7005

The library conducts English Conversation Sessions to practice speaking and listening skills in an informal atmosphere. The groups meet online. To register, visit https://hclibrary.evanced.info/signup/Calendar.

The Hunterdon County Library provides all library card holders free access to *Rosetta Stone*, an online language learning program that allows users to choose a language and learn at their own pace on their own computer or device. Get a library card at www.HCLibrary.us then look at Rosetta Stone on the Digital Databases page.

-Raritan Valley Community College Workforce Training

<u>Center, https://www.raritanval.edu/career-training/</u>, Aubrey Flanagan, Manager of Professional and Corporate Development, <u>aubrey.flanagan@raritanval.edu</u>

Dependent on course offerings per semester, the RVCC WTC offers a centralized place to receive basic to advanced computer training, communication, and leadership skills as well as foundational skill sets to begin or enhance your career, including job readiness and interview/resume preparation.

This includes Career Training – Short-term and state-of-the-art training programs designed for direct employment

Literacy classes include English Language Acquisition, OSHA 10 Certification and Servsafe Food Handler. Advanced English Language Courses also are available. Contact Bonnie.Scharf@raritanval.edu or 908-526-1200, ext. 8686.

Somerset County:

-<u>Greater Raritan One-Stop Career Training Center</u> 908-541-5780, 27 Warren Street, 2nd floor, PO Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876 <u>OneStop@co.somerset.nj.us</u> Christopher Peake, One-Stop Operator

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-<u>Literacy Volunteers of Somerset County (LVSC)</u> 908-725-5430, 120 Finderne Ave, Box 7, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 www.literacysomerset.org / info@literacysomerset.org Aimee Lam, Executive Director

The nonprofit works to build stronger communities and improve lives through literacy. Volunteer instructors offer virtual one-on one and small group tutoring, English conversation groups and U.S. Citizenship preparation classes.

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-<u>Somerset County Library System of NJ</u> (SCLSNJ), <u>ASK A Librarian</u>, contact your <u>local branch</u> or general website: <u>sclsnj.org</u>

- English Language Learning Classes
- English Conversation Groups
- Basic Computer Skills
- Job Readiness/Resume/Interview Preparation
- Citizenship Resources and Classes
- Variety of Self-Directed Online Learning and Training Resources (Library Card Required)
 - Mango Languages
 - Rosetta Stone
 - Learning Express
 - Lynda.com
 - Gale Courses and Gale presents: Udemy Academy

-Zarephath Christian Church (ZCC), Contact Zaida Mayes (zmayes@zarephath.org), ESL program lead, for details on ESL classes. These classes, with a step-by-step curriculum used as its core, are offered free throughout the year to those who would have trouble paying for existing ESL options. Schedule varies by season, so reach out by email or call 732-560-4001. Tuition is free; students are asked to cover cost of the workbook (\$20, help is available if this cost is a barrier).

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