



## English As a Second Language

### Diverse and Underserved Populations Committee

Focus on ESL (English as a Second Language) Resources

Most of us working in a Library have encountered patrons trying to improve their language knowledge and skills. The purpose of this document is to provide a resource guide to be used by both Librarians and patrons to help meet these goals.

The most common request by patrons from other countries and other language backgrounds is where to find programs that offer English Language instruction at all levels, as well as one-on-one instruction. The following resources are provided with detailed contact information to locate an appropriate ESL program.

#### Project Literacy of Greater Bergen County

<http://www.project-literacy.org/>

#### Project Literacy offers one-on-one tutoring in the following areas:

- Adult Basic Literacy - Reading and writing.
- English as a Second Language (ESL).
- Mathematics for the HSE (GED) exam

392 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ

[read@project-literacy.org](mailto:read@project-literacy.org)

**201-489-7066**

Pathways to Literacy (compiled by Project Literacy) is a directory of ESL and adult basic education programs in Greater Bergen County and includes data compiled from adult schools, churches, agencies, public libraries and other literacy providers. The PDF may be found at [Pathways to Literacy](#).

#### Literacy Volunteers of America

<http://www.lvaep.org/>

Passaic and Essex Counties Literacy Program

Recruits and trains volunteer tutors for the Basic Literacy (BL) and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs

195 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055

973-470-0039

#### Bergen County Technical School

<http://bcts.bergen.org>

Free English Literacy and Civics and ESL Classes

Classes enable participants to acquire improved language, citizenship skills, and participate in post-secondary education, training, unsubsidized employment, or career advancement. Instruction is at the main location in Hackensack and other satellite sites.

Adult Education Building [190 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601](#)

201 -343-6000 Ext. 4639

#### Bergen Community College

<https://bergen.edu/about-us/locations/the-philip-ciarco-jr-learning-center/>

Comprehensive ESL/HSE (fee-based)

Ciarco Learning Center [355 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601](#)

201-489-1551

#### Greater Bergen Community Action

<https://www.greaterbergen.org/>

Free programs offered include Citizenship Prep, English as a Second Language Classes, and out of school youth High School Equivalency program.

[info@greaterbergen.org](mailto:info@greaterbergen.org)

201-968-0200

Cliffside Park and vicinity

263 Lafayette Ave,

[Cliffside Park](#)

201-366-1020

Garfield and vicinity

535 Midland Ave, Garfield

973-685-0005 ext. 7060

#### Hispanic Institute

[www.hird.org](http://www.hird.org)

The Institute operates an extensive adult education program that offers courses in English as a Second Language (ESL), basic business/office technology skills, HSE preparation, and several others.

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Paramus, NJ 07652

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