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Literacy Volunteers Continues To Enhance Tioga County Programs and Services

Owego – An expanded partnership between Literacy Volunteers of Broome-Tioga Counties (LVBTC) and the Tioga County Department of Social Services will help ensure that more Tioga County adults have access to basic skills instruction.

A new Tioga Education Lab (TEL) at the Tioga Career Center targets low-literacy and low-income level adult learners who want to improve their math, reading, English language, basic literacy and basic employment skills. One-on-one tutoring and small group class sessions will help students gain the skills needed to be able to enroll in a NYS High School Equivalency diploma program, transition to post-secondary education and training, and enter the workforce or find a better job.

“Tioga County Department of Social Services support has been essential to our mission and our effort to build a more literate Tioga County,” according to Kristen Gordon-Pier, Executive Director. “The Tioga Education Lab starts on April 3 and will run every Wednesday from 12-1:30 pm at the Tioga Career Center located at the Health and Human Services Building on Route 38 in Owego.”

Since the 1990’s, Tioga County DSS has also supported Literacy Volunteers “Tioga Adult Learning Lab” (TALL) at the Owego Middle School. TALL provides digital literacy instruction to over 300 Tioga residents annually.

In 2018, LVBTC’s Tioga County programs received support from the Community Foundation for South Central New York. A \$4,865 grant is helping to recruit and train new tutors, build partnerships with community agencies, and serve greater numbers of students.

Together, Literacy Volunteers, Tioga DSS, and the Community Foundation for South Central New York are helping to transform lives and strengthen our community through literacy education!

For information about Literacy Volunteers of Broome-Tioga Counties tutor training, other volunteer opportunities, and services for students, please call (607) 778-6406, email kristenlvbtc@aol.com, or visit broometiogaliteracy.org.