

It's true.

For less than the price of your favorite take-out coffee each day, Literacy Volunteers of Bangor can help change the life of an adult.

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Improve Literacy. Change Lives.

*Your morning
coffee can
change a life.*



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ONE STUDENT'S STORY

"I REALLY DIDN'T THINK I COULD LEARN.

I had such a hard time in school. I felt like an outcast. Because I couldn't read well, I couldn't learn as well as others," Nicole Hustus says.

So when she was 15, Nicole dropped out of school. She eventually married, had a family, and became a homemaker. But the lack of a diploma haunted her. Fearing failure, she avoided not only going back to school, but any situation that would expose her limited education.

A path to success

Nicole had courage. She found her way to Literacy Volunteers, received a tutor, and studied hard. Last spring, she reached that long-coveted milestone: graduation.

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"I got my diploma and my family is so proud of me."
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Nicole at graduation

Today Nicole gives back to the community as a volunteer. She's also a Literacy Volunteers student ambassador, proudly giving radio and TV interviews. She is featured in our latest public service announcement.

You (and your coffee) can help!

Right now, adults like Nicole need our help. 14% of Maine teenagers don't finish high school. Many with high school diplomas aren't prepared for today's careers or higher education. Having citizens who lack literacy skills limits Maine's ability to develop a well-educated work force.

People like you make a difference. For less than the cost of a cup of coffee a day at your favorite coffee shop, you can support another adult student who will receive his or her own tutor. However, know that you can help change a life with any amount.

Please join me in supporting our community's best resources—its people—and donate to Literacy Volunteers today.

Appreciatively,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Marin Lyon".

Mary Marin Lyon, Executive Director



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LITERACY IN ADULTS OVER AGE 16*

14%

Read at or below a 5th grade level

29%

Read at an 8th grade level

43%

The percentage of adults with the lowest literacy rates who live in poverty

*Source: National Assessment of Adult Literacy

YOU CAN HELP

Your donation makes a difference in so many lives. Please give generously.

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