



**Blacksburg
Rotary Club**
Rotary International
District 7570

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Blacksburg Rotarians Participate in Literacy Month Project

In 1985, Rotary International declared basic literacy to be a pre-condition to the development of peace and declared March as Literacy Month. In March, the Rotary Club of Blacksburg recently completed another community service project with Literacy Volunteers of the New River Valley (LVNRV) an organization with tutors individuals who have low literacy levels, are illiterate or who want to learn English. LVNRV is a local 501c3 organization, completely dependent on grants, fundraising and donations to operate.

The club converted a conference room into a training room at the organizations office on West Main Street in Christiansburg, Virginia.



“This renovation will help expand the services the center can provide and doubled the tutoring space at the site, said Jordan Truesdell, who lead this project. “There is now an area for the staff to hold tutor training sessions and a place for the full staff and board members to meet. The new classroom will also allow the organization to increase the number of learner assessments they can perform without concern for room conflicts with their normal tutoring sessions.”

Additionally, the new storage cabinets in the room will allow all of the learning materials to be stored on site at the training center, instead of at the library building across town.



The Rotary Club of Blacksburg funded this project with the assistance of a matching Club Community Project Grant provide by the District in

Members of Theta Delta Chi Fraternity at Virginia Tech also worked with Rotary on this project.



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the amount of \$3,000.

Literacy is the foundation for virtually all forms of education and a crucial component of effective social and economic participation, human development, and poverty reduction. The Rotary Club of Blacksburg will continue to celebrate Literacy Month through service projects.

About Us:

About Rotary: Rotary International is a global network of community volunteers united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Founded in 1905 in Chicago, today there are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members in over 33,000 Rotary clubs. The Rotary Club of Blacksburg (www.blacksburgrotary.org) began in 1978 and today consists of over 110 members who meet at noon on most Thursdays at the Blacksburg Country Club.

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