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When you are at John Cabot University
in **Rome** this spring,

VOLUNTEER FOR ITALY READS 2013

Your international voyage will help others on theirs!

Click [here](#) and listen to what some volunteers have to say.

What is Italy Reads? Italy Reads is John Cabot University's cultural and English language exchange program that began in 2008 with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for a Big Read – a community reading program. Now in our 5th year, Italy Reads thrives on the solid foundation of cultural exchange that has been developed over the years. With Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, Carson McCullers' *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* and F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* we have discussed (in English) issues related to these classics that have engaged hundreds of people! JCU works with 40 Italian public high schools in Rome and the nearby community.

This year we are reading Jhumpa Lahiri's 'The Namesake'.

What does an Italy Reads volunteer do? Visit Italian high schools (with other volunteers) to discuss the book and interact with these students of English language and literature. Volunteers help Italian students create short videos for the Italy Reads [Video Contest](#) (click [here](#) to view them) and provide logistical support for the Rome English Theatre's adaption of the novel. We won't ask much from you (about 6 hours for the semester!) but welcome any more time you would like to give us.

By volunteering, you'll:

- become more integrated into the Italian community,
- have the opportunity to consider a significant moment in your own country's history from within an international context,
- experience how foreigners interpret American culture, and
- meet Italians and form friendships that we hope will follow you through your life's travels.

All volunteers receive a certificate of recognition from John Cabot University to include on their international resumes.

How do I sign up? Go to our website: www.johncabot.edu and follow [About JCU/Italy Reads/Volunteer for Italy Reads](#) and register. Read the novel during the holidays, perform the short on-line training review (required!), and upon completion you're ready to volunteer. When you arrive in Rome, JCU will host an orientation reception for you and all of the other Italy Read volunteers and guide you from there.

Have any questions? Send an email to italyreads@johncabot.edu

The selected novel for Italy Reads 2013: Jhumpa Lahiri's *The Namesake*.

The official edition of the book is the Harper Perennial edition (ISBN 978-0006551805).

Since 2009, over 110 JCU Italy Reads Volunteers from schools across the US engaged in discussions with students of more than 45 Italian and International high schools and over 100 Italian public high school teachers.

Become a part of a growing initiative!

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