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Under the auspices of the Italian Ministry of Education (MIUR)  
and in collaboration with The English Theatre of Rome



## VOLUNTEER FOR ITALY READS

Your international voyage will help others on theirs!

**Watch** what Italy Reads® and its **volunteers** do.

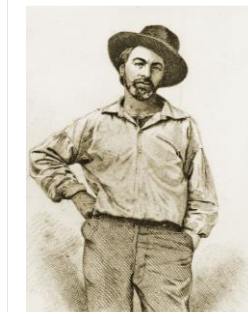
**What is Italy Reads?** JCU's English language community reading and cultural exchange program. It began in 2009 with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for a Big Read Rome. Since 2010, it's been JCU's Italy Reads.

**Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year**, Italy Reads thrives on the solid foundation of cultural exchange that has developed over the years.

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| 2009 <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>        | 2014 <i>A Farewell to Arms</i>                |
| 2010 <i>Our Town</i>                     | 2015 <i>The Bluest Eye</i>                    |
| 2011 <i>The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter</i> | 2016 <i>The Glass Menagerie</i>               |
| 2012 <i>The Great Gatsby</i>             | 2017 <i>Selected Poems of Emily</i>           |
| 2013 <i>The Namesake Dickinson</i>       | 2018 <i>Flannery O'Connor's Short Stories</i> |

### Italy Reads 2019 Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*

JCU students and faculty engage the local community, especially students and teachers in the over 60 participating Italian high schools, in discussions (in English) of American literature. Thousands of people have taken part in the program.



Credit: Bayley Collection, Ohio Wesleyan

### What does an Italy Reads® Volunteer do?

- read the book or poem
- receive some training
- visit a few Italian high schools (with other volunteers)
- discuss the work and author and relevant themes (in English)
- help Italian high school students create 3' videos for the **Video Contest** (Fall volunteers)
- assist The English Theatre of Rome's production of an adaption of the work

### Give about 8 hours to the program...and gain unique experience.

By volunteering, you:

- become more integrated into the Italian community,
- consider a your own country and its history from within an international context,
- experience how foreigners interpret American culture, and
- meet Italians and form friendships that might follow you through your life's travels.

All volunteers who complete the program receive a **Certificate of Recognition** from JCU to include on their international resumes.

### How do I sign up?

- **Register** at: <https://www.johncabot.edu/italy-reads/default.aspx>. Once in Rome, JCU will host an orientation reception for you and all of the other Italy Read volunteers and guide you from there.

**Questions? Write to us at [italyreads@johncabot.edu](mailto:italyreads@johncabot.edu)**

Since 2009, hundreds of JCU Italy Reads Volunteers from universities across the US engaged in discussions in English with students of more than 60 Italian and International high schools and over 150 Italian public high school teachers.

**Be part of a growing initiative shared with our partner universities!**

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| Adelphi                      | Rider                           |
| Agnes Scott College          | Rutgers                         |
| American University          | Sacred Heart                    |
| American University in Dubai | Salve Regina                    |
| Auburn                       | Saint Joseph's                  |
| Azusa Pacific                | Saint Leo                       |
| Baylor                       | Saint Mary's College of CA      |
| Belmont                      | San Diego State                 |
| Binghamton                   | San Jose State                  |
| Brooklyn College             | Skidmore College                |
| Bryant                       | St. Edward's                    |
| Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo    | St. Norbert College             |
| CSU, Fullerton               | St. Thomas                      |
| CSU, Longbeach               | Stockholm                       |
| CSU, San Marcos              | Stonehill College               |
| Carleton College             | Suffolk                         |
| Champlain College            | SUNY Brockport                  |
| College of William and Mary  | Texas Christian                 |
| Colorado State               | Texas Tech                      |
| Cornell                      | Towson                          |
| Creighton                    | Tulane                          |
| CUNY Baruch College          | UC Berkeley                     |
| Eastern Washington           | U. of Arizona                   |
| Emory                        | California, LA                  |
| Georgian Court               | Delaware                        |
| Grand Valley State           | Delaware World Scholars Program |
| Hofstra                      | Kansas                          |
| Indiana                      | Louisville                      |
| John Cabot                   | Massachusetts-Amherst           |
| Marquette                    | Miami                           |
| Mercer County Community      | Minnesota Duluth                |
| Michigan State               | Notre Dame                      |
| Mount St. Mary's College     | Rhode Island                    |
| Northeastern                 | San Diego                       |
| Northwood                    | U. of South Carolina            |
| Notre Dame                   | Wisconsin-Madison               |
| Oregon State                 | Vanderbilt                      |
| Pace                         | Virginia                        |
| Pedagogical                  | Commonwealth                    |
| Quinnipiac                   | Washington and Lee              |
| Rhodes College               | Willamette                      |

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**Read some of the short stories, attend a training session, and you're ready to have a unique academic experience at JCU in Rome!**