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Find out about Italy Reads. Watch our video: http://youtu.be/RGiVa8MPjZI

Italy Reads Spring 2015 Volunteers Represent JCU, their home universities and their country

Spring Semester 2015 – Of the 50 students who responded to our Calls to become Italy Reads Volunteers prior to arrival in Rome,
- 13 JCU students went on
- 30 visits to
- 25 classes at
- 10 Italian high schools in Rome, Naples and Anzio, and
- Lead academic discussions of
  Ernest Hemingway’s
  A Farewell to Arms.

Given the mission of Italy Reads to encourage cultural exchange between the United States of America and English speakers in Italy through the discussion of American literature, JCU students visit classes at least twice in groups of 2-4 volunteers per visit.

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JCU announces Winners Italy Writes 2015

Award Ceremony
4:30pm, June 22nd
Aula Magna Regina

JCU’s annual creative writing contest for Italy’s high school students whose primary language of instruction is not English. Winners will be announced during the Summer Institute for Creative Writing and Literary Translation.

JCU thanks all students who participated and the teachers and school principals who guided them to this opportunity to express themselves in English and win prizes.

Professor Dews Receives Award for Italy Reads

March 19, 2015 - JCU professor Carlos Dews, founder and Director of the Italy Reads program, was awarded the Premio Romei for commitment to the education of younger generations by the Italian National Association of School Principals and Professors (Associazione Nazionale Dirigenti e Alte Professionalità della Scuola - ANP). The Premio Romei is awarded each year to recognize teaching excellence in Italy.


Italy Reads 2015-2016 will be reading

Toni Morrison’s
The Bluest Eye

Attention high school teachers:

Register today at italyreads@johncabot.edu to be an official participant.

The annual Teacher’s Training Workshop is on Friday, 11 September 2015, 10:00am-4:00pm, lunch included. See the Calendar of Events.

John Cabot University’s Italy Reads Volunteers go beyond Explorando Excello!

After discussing the novel selected for Italy Reads, many of our volunteers continued to share their experience and interests with local students discussing other topics such as Native American Literature, WWI and the African-American experience today in America.

The opportunities for cultural exchange are endless!

This document and other resources for Italy Reads teachers, students and volunteers are available at: http://johncabot.libguides.com/ItalyReads.
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Italy Reads Volunteers visit Italian high schools

Read what some of the teachers and volunteers said about their visits this semester:

“My students greatly enjoyed talking with you [Italy Reads Volunteers]. You made them feel relaxed and able to communicate their ideas and confront them with yours.”

Prof. Mummolo, Liceo Dante Alighieri

“Thank you for having us at your school, ISIS De Nicola in Naples! We all loved meeting the students. Everyone was so sweet to make Italian food for us and then send us home with “doggie bags”! It was fun to talk about Hemingway’s novel and see the students so engaged in discussions.

We enjoyed walking around the city and getting such a special, personal tour of Naples.”

Olivia, JCU Italy Reads Volunteer, Spring 2015

Watch the video made by the students at ISIS E. De Nicola in Naples to remember this visit here (http://www.isisdenicola.it/)

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Volunteers travel to the high schools and learn to navigate the public transportation system together. They coordinate their visit with each other and with the host teacher and work with students in small groups to get to know each other better.

Italy Reads volunteers come to JCU with an open mind and return home with many a story to tell!

The Mission of Italy Reads is to provide high school teachers, book groups and individual readers with the resources to read and consider the significance of great works of American literature and to encourage cultural exchange between the United States of America and English speakers in Italy through the discussion of American literature.

Italy Reads Volunteers are JCU students who explore their interests and share their talents by giving back to the local community. The experiential learning of exchange visits with Italian students of English language and literature form cultural bridges and new friendships.

The Italy Reads Newsletter supports the mission of Italy Reads and John Cabot University providing a showcase for the activities of the international student body at JCU and the dedicated educators involved in the program.

Students studying at JCU during Spring 2015 from these universities registered to become Italy Reads Volunteers

Baylor University
Butler University
Emerson College
Grand Valley State University
John Cabot University
Marquette University
Michigan State University
Pace University
University of New Jersey - Rutgers
Sacred Heart University
Saint Peter's University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Texas at El Paso
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Iowa
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Massachusetts Boston
University of Notre Dame
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of St. Thomas
University of Texas-Pan American
University of Wisconsin - Madison
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Western Michigan University
Willamette University

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