Italy Reads News – Fall 2014

John Cabot University announces
Italy Reads Scholarship Winners

One of the primary missions of Italy Reads is to support teachers in the local community through providing training and resources for them in teaching English and American literature.

Scholarship recipients are:

- Prof. Grazia Maria Bertini, Liceo Ginnasio Statale ‘Virgilio’, Rome
- Prof. Cinzia Cetraro, Liceo Scientifico Statale ‘I. Newton’, Rome
- Prof. Simona Fefè, Istituto Magistrale Statale ‘V. Gassman’, Rome
- Prof. Isabella Marinaro, Liceo Classico Statale ‘L. Manara’, Rome
- Prof. Antonella Nifosi, Liceo Scientifico Statale ‘Keplero’, Rome
- Prof. Andrea Ridolfi, Liceo Scientifico Statale ‘Keplero’, Rome
- Prof. Mariarosaria Savino, ISIS ‘E. De Nicola’, Naples

As Italy Reads Scholarship recipients, these professors will attend the JCU course, in spring 2015, EN 315 Selected Topics in American Literature: Toni Morrison. As Official Participants in Italy Reads, they and their students will join in the activities of Italy Reads 2015-2016 reading and discussing Toni Morrison’s ‘The Bluest Eye’.

Italy Reads 2014–2015 Ernest Hemingway’s
A Farewell to Arms

… continues through April 2015!

We are currently discussing Ernest Hemingway’s A Farewell to Arms. JCU students who undergo training to qualify to become Italy Reads Volunteers each semester are available to continue visits to Italian and international high schools to engage students in discussion of topics related to the novel… in English!

Attention high school teachers:

Scheduled visits for the spring 2015 term will begin in February.

Please contact italyreads@johncabot.edu with the dates and times that work best for you and your students.

Encourage your students to participate in Italy Writes 2015.

JCU’s annual creative writing contest for Italy’s high school students whose primary language of instruction is not English.

Deadline: 1 April 2015

Italy Reads 2015-2016 will be reading
Toni Morrison’s
The Bluest Eye

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Italy Reads represented at the TESOL Italy National Convention

November 15, 2014, Rome –

Italy Reads Intern Jacopo M. Capparelli represented John Cabot University and the Italy Reads Program at the TESOL Italy National Conference, held in Rome.

The Italy Reads stand was well attended, and Jacopo met with several English language teachers interested in learning more about Italy Reads and other programs offered at John Cabot University.

Italy Reads Video Contest

for High School Students

Deadline for submissions: 19 January

Award Ceremony: 17 February

This document and other resources for Italy Reads teachers, students and volunteers are available at:

http://johncabot.libguides.com/ItalyReads.
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We thank all the teachers, students, volunteers, staff and faculty at JCU and at the many high schools and parents for their role in making Italy Reads a success. As a community-based English language reading and cultural exchange program, the collaboration of a variety of stakeholders is essential.

Here are some of the comments received from participants this past semester.

Andy (a Study Abroad Student at JCU from the University of Madison, Wisconsin) – “This has been a wonderful opportunity for me personally to learn about the Roman youth community as well as the very important teachers who try every day to provide a guide for those young minds by educating them on the world they live in.”

Danielle (a Communications major from Adelphi University) – “I had such a great time with the students! I was impressed with their speaking skills and how eager they were to talk about our lives and theirs.”

Krista (a Psychology major from Grand Valley State University) – “… my visit to the class went very well! The students were eager and interactive. Their English is very good and I was impressed with the questions they asked me. I look forward to my next visit!”

Olivia (a Spring 2015 Italy Reads Volunteer) - “I am a student from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon (USA). I am coming to attend John Cabot University in the spring, and I am extremely excited to be a part of the Italy Reads program! It’s one of the reasons I decided to study abroad at JCU!”

Raffaella Fiorini (Liceo Chris Cappell College, Anzio) – “It was really great to have [your students] at our school! The students were very happy and enjoyed it a lot!”

Grazia Trabattoni (Liceo Montessori) “My students and I really loved the English Theatre of Rome Performance. They did such an incredible job! We were enthusiastic about it.

Raffaella Antonelli (Liceo Farnesina) “… the performance was great! and my students loved it!”

Mariarosaria Savino (ISI ‘Enrico De Nicola’, Naples) – “What we are trying to do with the cultural exchange program with your university is make a further effort to spark enthusiasm in learning English so that (students) really understand that it’s not only a school subject but a means of communication that will enrich their lives.”

So far, Italy Reads 2014-2015 has included:

✓ Teacher Training Workshops (material available at Online Resources for Teachers)
✓ Keynote Address and
✓ Master Class for High School Teachers
✓ Italy Reads Theatre - The English Theatre of Rome presentation of an adaptation for the stage of A Farewell to Arms
✓ Italy Reads Public Lectures
✓ Book Group Discussions
✓ Italy Reads student exchange visits: 11 JCU students qualified to become Italy Reads Volunteers and engaged in 25 visits with Italian high school students at their schools.

✓ Exchange visits will continue to be scheduled from February through April 2015.

High school teachers: to schedule a visit with your students, contact italyreads@johncabot.edu.

JCU’s Institute for Creative Writing and Literary Translation

The Institute for Creative Writing and Literary Translation to launch graduate courses in Summer 2015

Upcoming events at the JCU Institute for Creative Writing and Literary Translation in Rome

For information about events at John Cabot University http://www.johncabot.edu/

Happy Holidays!