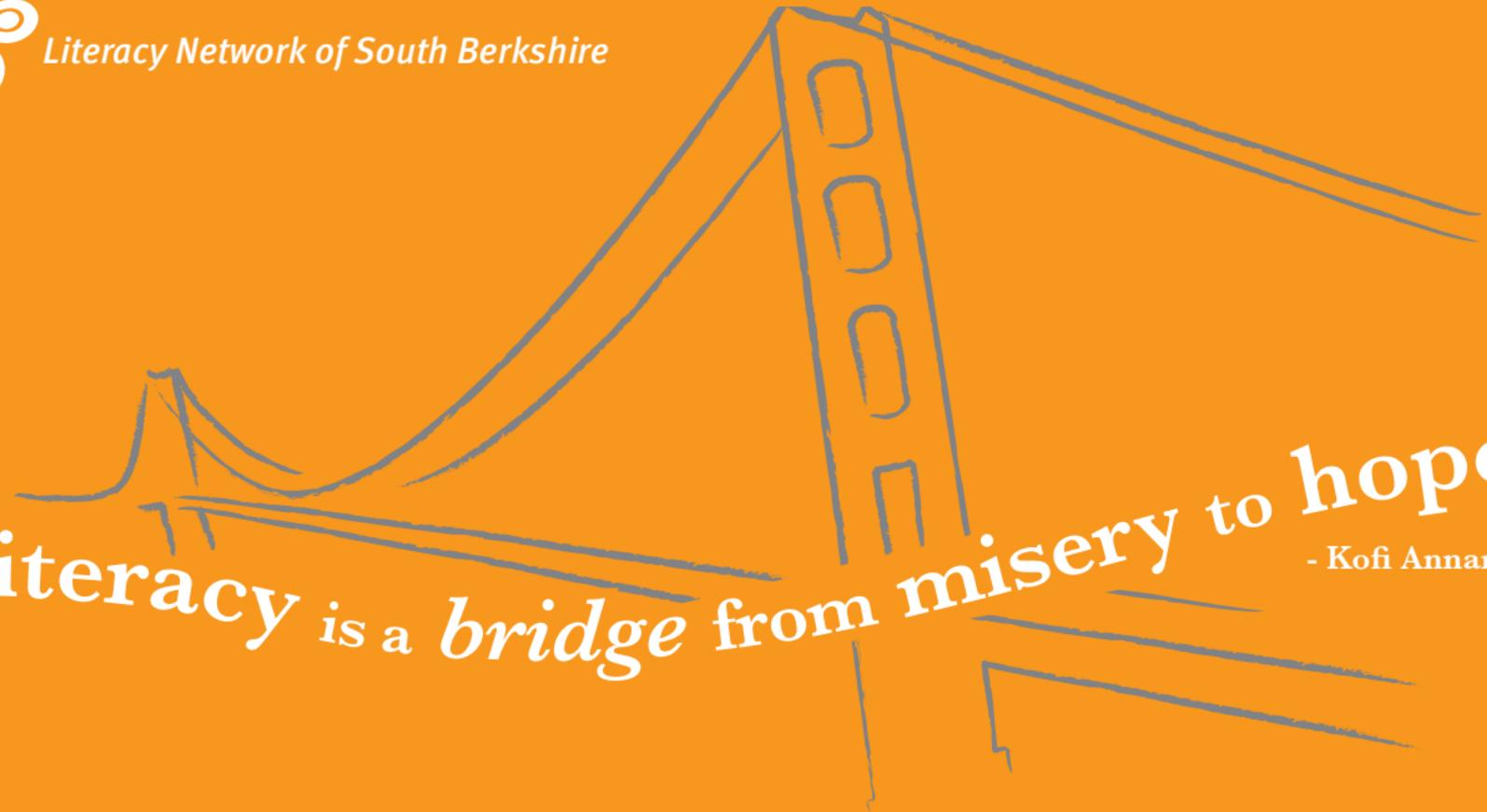




Literacy Network of South Berkshire



“Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope.”

- Kofi Annan

“Without being able to
read,
you can't be part of society.
I was the
second-class citizen...
I had no options.”



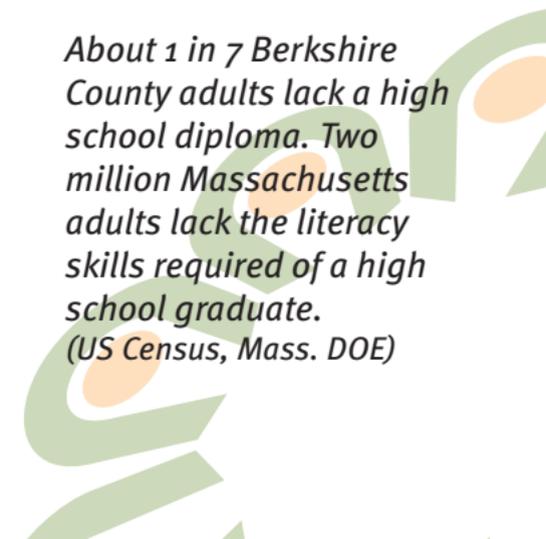
James Love grew up believing what his teacher told him:
that he would never read.

Now, he's a college student.

Dyslexia limited his career options, and by 2004, James was tired of waiting tables and relying on friends – and strangers – to read and write for him. After a year and a half under the tutelage of Literacy Network co-founder Zoë Dalheim, James drove to Landmark College in Putney, Vt., and filled out his own college application.

“Before, everything was censored to me. I had no choice on the information I could get,” James said. Now a 45-year-old honors student in his third college term, he is savoring his first novel, *The Catcher in the Rye*.

*About 1 in 7 Berkshire County adults lack a high school diploma. Two million Massachusetts adults lack the literacy skills required of a high school graduate.
(US Census, Mass. DOE)*



We are the bridge to hope.

The Literacy Network (LitNet) is a non-profit organization offering literacy services to adults who live or work in southern Berkshire County.

Our 100 trained volunteer tutors are the supportive piers, offering free, confidential, one-on-one instruction that helps adults reach their goals of self-sufficiency and career advancement.

What do we do?

- Improve adults' reading, writing, and math skills
- Teach English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Prepare students for the GED (high school equivalency exam)
- Coach immigrants for the US Citizenship exam

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“We were
afraid to get
lost, because we
could not **stop**
and ask
directions.”

