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American Youth Literacy Foundation to Open Six New Locations in Greater Philadelphia

The American Youth Literacy Foundation (www.YouthLit.org), a Collegeville, PA-based 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization serving underprivileged and under-served kids with reading difficulties is launching six new tutoring locations this fall in addition to its six current locations. All of the new locations will be public libraries.

The organization recruits and trains high school student volunteers (grades 10 +) to work with younger children in grades 1-5 in after school programs around the area. The new library partner locations will include Indian Valley Library in Telford, PA, Royersford Public Library, Upper Merion Township Library, Lower Providence Community Library, the Library Company of Burlington in Burlington, NJ and, pending final board approval, the Cherry Hill Public Library.

The literacy tutoring program is free to any child in grades 1-5 who is having reading challenges. First grade students may enroll beginning second semester of first grade. A sign up sheet indicating when tutors will be available will be posted at the libraries. Tutoring hours will be after school, evenings or weekends depending on the library and the tutors' schedules.

The founder of the program, Mr. Kali Woodward, hopes that the program will be "as successful as our current partnerships with YMCA after care programs and other non-profit groups." According to Woodward, "We believe libraries are another great fit for our tutoring program due to their strong ties to the local communities. Wherever there are high school students willing to volunteer, younger students who need extra help in reading and libraries willing to host a tutoring program, we believe we can build a successful new chapter."

Based on the success of the library program in 2010, the foundation plans to expand still further in 2011 to add possibly 4 more locations in the spring and as many as 10 more in the fall. High school students interested in earning community service hours through tutoring should contact the foundation at info@youthlit.org or call 215-868-1098.