

scaleLIT

Membership

2024

Helping organizations, practitioners, and learners thrive since 2003



Welcome Letter

Dear potential and returning members,

I am thrilled to share scaleLIT's fiscal year 2024 (covering July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) membership packet with you. As you'll see on Page 2, last year was a banner year for scaleLIT and our network of members. Collaboratively, with our 83 members, we have engaged hundreds of adult education and job training providers in a range of activities from monthly partner meetings at American Job Centers, to our signature professional development workshops, *InService Learning Circles*, to advocacy and awareness campaigns. Additionally, through this broad network of partners, we have connected thousands of Chicagoans to programs and services - including digital literacy certificates and badges - to help them thrive.

I hope that you will join us again this year as we continue to support organizations, practitioners, and learners through Advocacy & Networking, Service & Learning, and Tools & Resources. Page 3 spells out this year's membership offerings; we are excited to engage with you to advance equity through skill building.

I am very grateful to scaleLIT's board, staff, and members for our collective work to build more inclusive adult education and workforce systems that will undoubtedly result in a more inclusive economy. I especially want to thank the members who were willing to share their testimonials throughout this packet - we are grateful for their collaboration.

Please reach out to Renuka Sharma today to learn more about FY 2024 membership and to receive your free welcome packet.

Yours,
Becky



Becky Raymond, Executive Director



Highlights From This Year



83

Total Members



50%

**Members
Outside of
Chicago**



70+

**Organizations
Attended One-Stop
Operator Meetings**



1,800+

**Incoming
Referrals to
Navigators**



1,300+

**Outgoing
Referrals from
Navigators**



80+

**Organizations
Receiving Referrals
from Navigators**



300+

**Outreach Events
Attended by
Navigators**



50

**Northstar
Locations**



1,700+

**Unique
Learners**



1,300+

**Certificates
Awarded**



980+

**Badges
Awarded**

Membership Benefits

Membership Benefits Level 1 at \$150

(underwritten for Secretary of State grantees)

ADVOCACY & NETWORKING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult Education and Family Literacy Week activities September 18-22, 2023• Night of 1,000 Stars Harold Washington Library, Date TBD• Holiday Party December 14, 2023• Beyond Books - March 21, 2024 - Discounted Tickets and Nominations Opportunities beginning in January 2024• Year-End Picnic June 20, 2024• Campaign Actions around Adult Education, Digital Equity, and Workforce Advocacy like a Mayor's Office of Adult Learning and education briefings with elected officials
SERVICE & LEARNING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 In-Service Learning Circles (examples like Employment Inclusion, Know Your Rights, and Conflict Management)• scaleLIT Career Pathways programming

Membership Benefits Level 2 at \$200

(\$50 for Secretary of State grantees)

TOOLS & RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northstar (\$500 value)• The Change Agent (\$200 value)• Pass through Grants
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Contact Renuka today for your scaleLIT Welcome Packet!

Advocacy & Networking

Throughout the fiscal year, scaleLIT will host a series of networking and advocacy activities to help members connect and collaborate.

“ScaleLIT's work is rooted in community and a sense of connectedness which strives to promote equity and social justice. As scaleLIT members, my colleagues and I at the Chinese Mutual Aid Association enjoy a variety of valuable benefits and resources that allow us to advance those core values. We have access to the Northstar Digital Literacy platform, a subscription to the student-centered magazine The Change Agent as well as the opportunity to participate in learning circles to share best practices. The member support does not end there. The staff at scaleLIT is always readily available with additional resources and referrals to help us meet the needs of our clients.

At the Beyond Books Gala, scaleLIT honored one of our ESL students with the Personal Achievement Award. Samson was chosen for his persistence and unwavering drive to achieve his goals. Special thanks to scaleLIT for shining a light on his triumphs.”

Jennifer Yonan
from Chinese Mutual Aid Association (CMAA)



Services & Learning

scaleLIT is planning a full schedule of learning circles aligned with our members' interests and needs. These sessions are designed to enhance your knowledge on relevant topics ranging from Adult Education Transitions to Know Your Rights in the Workplace to Conflict Management.

Connect with members and learn from experts on topics.

[Click here to learn more about this year's schedule of learning circles.](#)

“Over the past several years, scaleLIT has been an exemplary partner, supporting and amplifying PODER's mission and work throughout Chicago. This valuable partnership has provided us with the opportunity to connect with individuals via their career navigators. We have received many excellent referrals for our Integrated English and Job Training programs in Banking and Insurance through scaleLIT's Career Pathways Navigators. We look forward to many more years of working together in bettering the lives of those community members we collectively serve.”

Griselda Piedra
from PODER



“We are grateful to partner with scaleLIT, an organization that continues to grow and has a strong presence throughout Chicago and Illinois. Their widespread exposure is a tremendous asset to our smaller organization. With their ongoing support, we are able to access valuable resources, information, and guidance that helps us lead projects like the Health Literacy Project. We are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such a dynamic organization that amplifies our efforts and supports The Learning Center.”

Miriam Gonzalez
from The Learning Center



Tools & Resources

Over the course of the year, scaleLIT will provide tools and resources to help members thrive. This year, all level 2 members will be eligible for Northstar Digital Literacy Learning Platform, The Change Agent, and any pass-through grant opportunities.

“The Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Adult Education program is a proud member of scaleLIT. We have gained subscription licenses to NorthStar Digital Literacy strengthening our learners, community, and program. scaleLIT is a valuable partner with the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, and we will continue to encourage others to learn from and grow with ScaleLIT.”

Angelique Maguire
From Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC)



“One of the challenges of our community is addressing the technology gap. ScaleLIT has been supporting TCEP for several years with laptops and Chromebooks for TCEP parent leaders. We design a computer literacy program that builds from leaders' experiences and capacity and now, we are extending the program to a new cohort of parents. We are excited to see how parent leaders have increased their confidence in using technology. We are deeply grateful for our partnership with scaleLIT.”

Maria Velazquez
from Telpochcalli Community Empowerment Project (TCEP)



Tools & Resources

The Change Agent

Through a partnership with World Education and New England Literacy Resource Center (NELRC), scaleLIT is pleased to offer The Change Agent subscriptions to all members.

New issues of The Change Agent are released three times a year. Each issue explores a different topic through student writings, news articles, opinion pieces, classroom activities, poems, graphics, and cartoons.

scaleLIT will host 2 informational webinars in September and February.

"Thank you for allowing our Erie House students to tell their stories. The Change Agent is instrumental in making their voices heard and connecting emotionally. We are grateful to scaleLIT for having the opportunity to read, write, and learn with the Change Agent."

Susana Ortiz
From Erie Neighborhood House



Northstar Digital Literacy

Northstar is a program of Literacy Minnesota. Northstar Online Learning (NSOL) can help you learn digital literacy skills online. Northstar builds your digital literacy skills through

Basic Computer Skills ★ Email ★ Microsoft Word ★ Career Search Skills

"Sarah Boyd began classes at United for Better Living in 1983. At age 81, Sarah practiced her digital literacy skills on Northstar Digital Literacy and passed all of her assessments. She was persistent, never gave up, and is currently assisting other learners in the program as a tutor, helping them reach their goals."

Kathy Allison
From United for Better Living



Calendar of Events

**Scan the QR Code below to
view the Calendar of
Events for this year:**



**Or visit
scaleIT.org/upcomingevents**

Current Members

Anixter Center
Aquinas Literacy Center
Asian Human Services
Black Hawk College
Burlington English
Business and Career Services, Inc.*
CEFS
Central States SER *
Centro Romero
Chinese Mutual Aid (CMAA) *
Corazon a Corazon
D&H Literacy Center
Danville Area Community College
District 214 *
Dominican Literacy Center Aurora
Dominican Literacy Center Melrose Park
Easter Seals *
Erie Neighborhood House
Family Legacy Foundation
Fishes and Loaves Outreach
Greater West Town Project
HANA Center
Hanul Family Alliance
Heartland Alliance
Highland Community College
Howard Area Community Center
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/Frontier
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Indo-American Center *
Instituto Del Progreso Latino
Jane Addams Resource Corp (JARC)
John Logan College *
John Wood Community College
Joliet Junior College
Kankakee Community College
Kaskaskia College
Lewis & Clark Community College
Lincoln Land Community College
Literacy Chicago
Literacy Connection
Literacy DuPage
Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley
Literacy Volunteers of IL

Literacy Works
McHenry County College
Metropolitan Asian Family Services
Morton College
Neighborhood House
New Readers Press *
Oakton Community College
Parkland College
PODER
Prairie State College
Pui Tak Center
Revolution Workshop *
Richland Community College *
ROE #17
ROE #33
ROE #45
ROE #48
Safer Foundation
Sauk Valley Community College
Shawnee Community College *
South Suburban College
South-East Asia Center
Southwestern IL Community College
Spoon River College
St Joseph Services
TEACH Tutoring English to Advance Change
Telpochcalli Community Empowerment Project
(TCEP) *
The Learning Center
The Literacy Council
Touchgift Foundation
Triton College *
UIC Center for Literacy
Unite Here
United For Better Living
Universidad Popular
VAI
Waubonsee Community College *
Waukegan Public Library
World Relief DuPage
YWCA Northwestern IL
YWCA Pekin Heart of IL Adult Literacy Center

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for more information



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