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Since 2009, hundreds of JCU Italy Reads Volunteers from universities across the US have engaged in discussions in English with students of more than 60 Italian and International high schools and over 150 Italian public high school teachers.

VOLUNTEER FOR ITALY READS

Your international voyage will help others on theirs!
Watch what Italy Reads® and its volunteers do.

Be part of a growing initiative shared with our partner universities!

OPEN TO ALL ACADEMIC MAJORS AND MINORS

[Register today!](#)

What is Italy Reads? JCU's English language community reading and cultural exchange program. It began in 2009 with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for a Big Read Rome. Since 2010, it's been JCU's Italy Reads.

Italy Reads thrives on the solid foundation of cultural exchange that has developed over the years.

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| 2009 <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> | 2016 <i>The Glass Menagerie</i> |
| 2010 <i>Our Town</i> | 2017 <i>Selected Poems of Emily Dickinson</i> |
| 2011 <i>The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter</i> | 2018 <i>Flannery O'Connor's Short Stories</i> |
| 2012 <i>The Great Gatsby</i> | 2019 <i>Leaves of Grass</i> |
| 2013 <i>The Namesake</i> | 2020 <i>Silent Spring</i> |
| 2014 <i>A Farewell to Arms</i> | 2021 <i>Beetle Creek</i> |
| 2015 <i>The Bluest Eye</i> | 2022 <i>Summer on the Lakes in 1843</i> |

Read some (or all) of the work, attend a training session, and you're ready to have a unique academic experience at JCU!

Italy Reads 2023 *Spoon River Anthology* by Edgar Lee Masters

JCU students and faculty engage students and teachers in Italian high schools in discussions (in English) of American literature. Thousands of people have taken part in the program.

What will you do as an Italy Reads® Volunteer?

- **visit** a few Italian high schools (with other volunteers), in-person or remotely
- **lead discussions** (in English) about the book (You'll get some training).
- **help** Italian high school students
 - create 3-min. videos for the **Video Contest** (Fall volunteers)
 - conduct interviews and write about them in a digital newsletter

Give about 6-10 hours to the program...and gain unique experience.

By volunteering, you:

- become more integrated into the Italian community
- consider your own country and its history from within an international context
- experience how foreigners interpret American culture
- meet Italians and form friendships that might follow you through your life's travels
- receive a **Certificate of Recognition** for your international resume
- can contribute to your Community Service Certificate.



How do I sign up?

➤ **Register** at: <https://forms.gle/jCnAFCgSb52tEXUL8> Once in Rome, JCU will host an orientation meeting for you and the other Italy Read volunteers and guide you from there.

Questions? Write to us at italyreads@johncabot.edu