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## SCRABBLE® for LITERACY

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at WHRO, Norfolk

Hosted by The Literacy Partnership

**Do your students LOVE to PLAY?** Have them play SCRABBLE® for LITERACY! The Literacy Partnership funds new initiatives, helps organizations expand literacy outreach, and builds literacy awareness in Hampton Roads.

In some Hampton Roads cities the functional illiteracy rate (4<sup>th</sup> grade level) is 30%. **Illiteracy negatively affects:**

- Employers who are seeking qualified workers to do more challenging jobs.
- Health care outcomes – increasing costs for all.
- The economy because illiterate citizens earn more than 65% less than the general population over their life time.
- Domestic violence, drug use and criminal behavior are all negatively affected by high illiteracy rates.

### Your school can help – and have a great time! Here's how:

- Build a SCRABBLE® team of three students.
- Visit UsePilotNews.com to download the signup sheet.
- Send the completed signup sheet to the contact below.
- Your team registration fee is paid for by the Virginian-Pilot's Newspapers in Education Program.

Promote literacy to your students by encouraging them to read and to build the literacy skills of others (we can help you do this).

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