

# Education Today

## City, community groups launch student literacy initiative

A young reader surveys a special edition of the Daily News touting the launch of a new Adolescent Literacy program, administered by the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). The event was held at the worldwide headquarters of Scholastic Inc. in Soho and featured student performances as well as testimonials on the importance of literacy from Deputy Mayor for Education and Community Development Dennis M. Walcott, DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav, and Leon Carter, sports editor for the Daily News. Adolescent Literacy targets middle school students and operates in 11 New York City public schools. "Strong reading and writing skills are essential to academic success," said Deputy Mayor Walcott. "The Adolescent Literacy program embodies New York City's commitment to meeting the educational needs of each and every one of our young people." You can find out more about Adolescent Literacy and other youth programs at [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd) or by calling the city's 311 information line.

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