



## ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION – SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

### THE ALEX N. CHARTERS LIBRARY OF RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS OF ADULTS

Syracuse University Library holds the largest compilation of English-language materials in the field of adult and continuing education. Encouraged by Professor Alexander Charters, the Library began actively collecting and preserving resources in this field in the 1950s. The collections—consisting of manuscript, print, visual, and media materials—come from all over the world. They document the international history and development of the field, including literacy, human resource development, distance education, international development, andragogy, and more. The collections are used by adult education scholars and practitioners from all over the world. Access to them is free and open to the public. The Library welcomes contributions that support the growth and preservation of these collections.

In 1998, to honor Charters and his wife, Margaret, Syracuse University professor emeritus of consumer studies, for their contributions to the Library, Chancellor Kenneth Shaw formally named these research collections “The Alexander N. Charters Library of Resources for Educators of Adults.”

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