



LITERACY AND FLORIDA LIBRARIES

Approximately 90% of Florida's 501 public libraries actively support local literacy initiatives. Libraries provide one-to-one, small group or computer-assisted instruction in basic literacy, English as a second language and GED classes. Space is provided for literacy offices, meetings, training and tutoring.

Libraries enhance public awareness of literacy needs and help in the recruitment of volunteers and adult students. They provide information and referral to literacy programs in their communities and some have a literacy help-line.

Many libraries have developed collections of adult literacy texts and reference materials and provide support activities for family and workplace literacy.

According to a 1999 survey conducted by the State Library of Florida, approximately 20,000 adult students are tutored annually in Florida's public libraries and more than 33% of the literacy education programs available for adult students and their families are provided by Florida's public libraries.

SOURCE: State Library of Florida.