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Our Literacy Mission Statement...

The mission of the Citrus County Library System Adult Literacy Education Program is to provide literacy instruction to adults in an effort to improve functional literacy skills, enhance quality of life, and encourage lifelong learning in an open, welcoming, and sustainable environment.

All Adult Literacy services provided by the Citrus County Library System are free to the public. Furthermore, the Adult Literacy Education Program is open to all people needing assistance, regardless of their gender, religion, race, color, national origin, disability or age.

Support Our Program...

Funding is received from local government, local businesses and foundations, and individual donations. If you would like to support our Adult Literacy Education Program, please call (352)746-9077.

Become a Tutor...

For more information, please visit the Adult Literacy portion of our website at: <u>http://www.cclib.org/adult-literacy.html</u> or call one of our library branches.

A Definition of Literacy from the U.S. Department of Education...

Literacy is the ability to use printed and written information to function in society, to achieve one's goals, and to develop one's knowledge and potential.



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

425 W. Roosevelt Boulevard Beverly Hills, FL 34465-4281 Phone: 746-9077 TTY: 249-1292 Mon - Fri: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

CENTRAL RIDGE LIBRARY*

425 W. Roosevelt Boulevard Beverly Hills, FL 34465-4281 Phone: 746-6622 TTY: 249-1293 Mon - Thu: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Fri - Sat: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

COASTAL REGION LIBRARY

8619 W. Crystal Street Crystal River, FL 34428-4468 Phone: 795-3716 TTY: 794-4191 Mon - Thu: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Fri - Sat: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FLORAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

 8360 E. Orange Avenue

 Floral City, FL
 34436-3200

 Phone: 726-3671
 TTY: 344-0614

 Tue, Thu:
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

 Wed, Fri:
 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

 Sat:
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HOMOSASSA PUBLIC LIBRARY*

4100 S. Grandmarch Avenue Homosassa, FL 34446-1120 Phone: 628-5626 TTY: 628-6751 Mon - Thu: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Fri - Sat: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LAKES REGION LIBRARY

1511 Druid Road Inverness, FL 34452-4507 Phone: 726-2357 TTY: 344-1871 Mon - Thu: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM Fri - Sat: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

*Learning Center Locations



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First graduating class of tutors, November 2008



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ADULT LITERACY @ THE LIBRARY PROGRAM

About Our Adult Literacy Program...

Tutors meet one-on-one with their adult learners in one of our libraries, usually one time per week for approximately one to two hours.

Prior to tutoring, tutors attend a free 12-hour training workshop using the *LitStart Method*.



Tutors leave the required training workshop with skills, confidence, and the materials to use with their adult learners.

Workshops are typically held for two consecutive days in April and November from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm.

There may be additional training workshops scheduled as needed. The workshops are free, but registration is required.

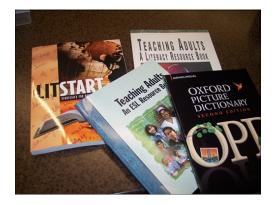
Tutors are also welcome to join in our continuing education meetings held on a quarterly basis around the county.

About Our Adult Learners...

Our learners come from a variety of backgrounds and have many different personal and career goals.

Some of our learners are Adult Basic Learners, whose native language is English, but have difficulty reading, writing, and spelling. Some of them never learned how to read in school, became frustrated, and dropped out.

Others are ESOL Learners. ESOL Learners are adults whose native language is not English who have difficulty reading, writing, and spelling in English. Most ESOL Learners would also like pronunciation help and improved conversational skills.



Tutor and learners set small obtainable, measurable goals together as a team. When these goals are met, learners can earn Certificates of Achievement.

Some Actual Learner Goals Include...

- Be able to write a note to my daughter
- Be able to read aloud
- ▶ Be able to read a newspaper
- Be able to read a street sign
- ▶ Be able to read a recipe
- Be able to read a book to my child
- ► Earn my GED
- Become a nurse
- Become a cosmetologist
- Become a post office worker
- Pass written Drivers Exam
- Pass ASVAB Military Exam



Trying to describe what this program means to me is like trying to describe a sunset to a blind man. I did not learn to read in school, but I am learning to read now. I hope the ones that need the tutoring go for it. This is going to open up another world.

~ Written by a male Adult Learner in our Literacy Program