

Purpose: We serve to build a literate community.



**Adult  
Literacy  
League**

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Mission: We educate adults to become self-sufficient members of society and we advocate on behalf of adult and family literacy.

People who lack basic literacy skills cannot fill out a job application, open a bank account, or read to their children. The **National Assessment of Adult Literacy** reports that 90,000,000 adults lack the literacy skills needed to succeed as a parent, in the workplace, or in the community.

In **Central Florida**, 1 in 5 adults have only the most basic literacy skills.

In 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives declared:

- The economy and the world marketplace depend on having a **literate, skilled population**.
- Parental involvement increases as the education level of the parent increases.
- People who lack literacy skills are unable to keep a job with family-sustaining income.
- Prisoners without literacy skills are more likely to re-offend.

#### The Adult Literacy League

has over **45** years of proven experience changing lives through literacy.

## Teaching adults to read ...

#### Adult Literacy

Our tutors and instructors work to help their students learn basic skills such as the **alphabet, phonics, and writing** as they become emerging readers.

#### Adult Basic Education

Students begin to build on their skills to increase reading **fluency, comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary** so that they move from learning to read to reading to learn.



Estela studies every week with her tutor, Gracie. She is making great progress!

**English Language Literacy (ESOL)**  
Students who speak in other languages work in **small classes** or with **tutors** to improve English reading and conversation skills to communicate successfully in English.

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Our organization is the **largest** nationally accredited, full-service, volunteer-based literacy organization in Florida. We provide the most successful and efficient services for low-level readers.

Despite our small staff and limited resources, we're able to **reach and teacher** over 3,000 adult learners, meeting at least once weekly, throughout the year. This is possible through the efforts of over 400 trained tutors and volunteers.

Operating six days a week, we offer the only proven road out of poverty, crime, and unemployment ... education.



#### Ovid Watson

Originally from St. Kitts, in his year with us, he has made great strides increasing two literacy levels. He is now a permanent resident and passed the written portion of his driver's license test. He not only meets one-to-one with his tutor, but also attends classes at the Adult Literacy League.

## ... Turning children into readers.

The Read to Me! Family literacy program ensures that pre-school aged children from low-income homes receive **books and learning materials**, throughout the year to build pre-literacy skills needed to succeed in school. The Adult Literacy League has developed an innovative and integrated approach to breaking the intergenerational cycle of low literacy and poverty.

We teach parents to read to their children and engage in learning activities provided, to become the first and most effective teacher in their children's lives.

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