

Other Ways You Can Help

The Literacy Council has many
volunteer opportunities available:

TUTOR

Volunteer tutors must attend two
5-hour training sessions before being
matched with an adult non-reader.

STORYTELLER

Reading to young children is part of the
preventative measures used for modeling
good reading habits. The Washington County
Literacy Council works on collaborative
projects with local agencies to provide
story time sessions for area youth.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Coordinate or participate in one
of our special events or promotions.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

WCLC receives many speaking requests
each year. Tutors & volunteers are invited
to join our "Speakers' Bureau" and
promote literacy awareness.

OFFICE

Work on the newsletter, "The Printed Word,"
coordinate mailings, make community contacts,
answer phones, update data bases. There's
always something to do!

**CALL OUR OFFICE TO FIND OUT
HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

Did You Know...?

Nearly 19% of the adult population in the
state of Pennsylvania is functionally illiterate.
(PA Department of Education)

"Functionally illiterate" is the inability of an
individual to use reading, writing, and
computation skills in everyday life.
(Literacy Volunteers of America)

On average, a functionally illiterate adult
earns 42% less than a high school graduate.
(U.S. Department of Education)

It is estimated that \$5 billion a year in
taxes goes to support people receiving
public assistance who are unemployed
due to illiteracy.
(Laubach Literacy)

It is estimated that adult reading scores
improve approximately one grade level
with 35-45 hours of tutoring.
(Literacy Volunteers of America)

An estimated 15 million adults holding jobs
today are functionally illiterate.
(Nations Business Magazine)

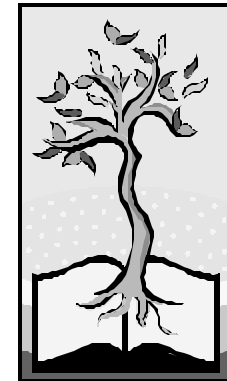
More than 40 million adults in the U.S.
are functionally illiterate.
(National Adult Literacy Survey)



Treat people as if they
were what they ought
to be, and help them
become what they are
capable of being.
— Goethe

Washington County Literacy Council

Serving the Community for 20+ Years



"Never before has man had such a great
capacity to control his own environment, to
end hunger, poverty and disease, to banish
illiteracy and human misery. We have the
power to make the best generation of
mankind in the history of the world."

— John F. Kennedy

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CELEBRATING MORE THAN 20 YEARS OF SERVICE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

In 1985, armed with just \$500, a few boxes of tutoring materials and a table at Citizen's Library, several Washington area literacy advocates pulled together and formed an organization focused on eradicating illiteracy in Washington County.

Today, with the help of scores of supporters, volunteers and tutors, the Council has grown into a vital community organization that has helped hundreds of adults in the area learn to read.

The Council provides free, confidential one-on-one tutoring to adults who read below the fourth grade level. The Council also participates in a number of literacy awareness programs that focus on early childhood and family literacy.

Each One, Teach One ADULT TUTORING

The one-on-one tutoring program is the core of the mission of the Washington County Literacy Council. We use the Laubach Way to Reading Diagnostic Inventory to screen adults and match them with a trained tutor.

Bi-weekly one-on-one training sessions are conducted using Laubach Skill Books and supplemental reading. Assessments are made each time a reading level is achieved. Monthly tutor reports are included in the overall assessment of the student.

FAMILY/COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Family and community projects further promote literacy and help break the vicious cycle of intergenerational illiteracy. We work with various service agencies and organizations to encourage reading to children and to provide story times and family literacy activities and resources. Community reading centers are located throughout Washington, in homeless shelters, community centers and family practice offices.

Workplace Literacy is an important component of WCLC's mission, and is vitally needed for a healthy community. Worksite projects may include one-on-one tutoring, employee literacy assessment and audits, group sessions, or workshops conducted by trained volunteers.

We also work within the Washington County criminal justice system, providing tutoring to those who have been incarcerated or on probation in an effort to decrease the repeat offender rate.

"Mommy & Me" BABY BOOK BAGS

The bright yellow "Mommy & Me Baby Book Bag" has become a signature program for the Literacy Council. Through the program, we aim to prevent the cycle of intergenerational illiteracy through early intervention.

Bags are filled with literature on the importance of reading to babies from birth, as well as a free book and other child development information. Bags are then distributed to new mothers at the Washington Hospital.

Nearly 13,000 Baby Book Bags have been distributed to mothers and their children.



HELP PUT US OUT OF BUSINESS

When everyone can read,
no one will need our services

YOU Can Make a Difference!

The Literacy Council is "homegrown" and relies on the generosity of community members and businesses to maintain and nourish our programs. Please use the form below to help us fulfill our mission. Larger donations can be pledged over an extended period of time.

**Yes, I would like to be a
Friend of Literacy by contributing:**

- \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000
 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50
 Other: \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**