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To refer students and volunteers
to literacy programs:

Illinois Adult Learning Hotline
800-321-9511
https://www.adultlearninghotline.org
As Secretary of State and State Librarian, I am committed to ensuring that all Illinois citizens have access to quality literacy programs that set them on the path to lifelong learning.

The Illinois State Library’s Literacy Office addresses the educational needs of adult learners and families through adult volunteer, family and workplace literacy projects. Learners in these programs embark on a journey of lifelong learning with the assistance of dedicated volunteer tutors, teachers and mentors in 108 literacy projects throughout the state.

Adult Volunteer Literacy programs provide one-on-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading, math, writing and language skills. Penny Severns Family Literacy programs equip parents with the skills needed to help themselves and their children get a good start on their education. The educational needs of working adults are met through Workplace Skills Enhancement programs, which provide on-site learning opportunities at their workplaces.

One of the best ways you can help the literacy effort in Illinois is by becoming a volunteer tutor. If you are interested in joining this effort, call or text the Illinois Adult Learning Hotline at 800-321-9511.

Sincerely,

Jesse White
Secretary of State
and State Librarian
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Literacy Need in Illinois

The most recent census information collected by the American Community Survey indicates a great need for adult literacy and English language instruction among the 12.5 million Illinois residents.

The survey indicates that 2.8 million (23%) of residents over age 5 speak a language other than English in their homes. Of those who speak a language other than English, 1 million (37%) report that they speak English less than very well. These numbers only reflect some of the Illinois residents who could benefit from English language instruction. Many factors hinder the survey from capturing all those who would benefit from English language instruction. For example, immigrants from other countries who lived under oppressive governments may hesitate to respond to the census, and some people may also overestimate their own language proficiency.

The survey also shows that of the 8.7 million Illinois residents over age 25, over 419,000 (5%), have less than a ninth-grade education. In addition, another 518,000 (6%) residents have between a ninth-grade and 12th-grade education with no high school diploma. That means almost 1 million (11%) of the population over age 25 do not have a high school diploma. Since the survey did not take into account residents between ages 18 and 24 who have less than a ninth-grade education or no high school diploma, these numbers may be higher. Also, there are people who graduate from high school and yet lack adequate literacy skills.

Therefore, conservatively, these figures show that roughly 2 million (16%) of Illinois residents could benefit from adult literacy or English language instruction. (Source: American Community Survey, 2015-2019, https://data.census.gov/cedsci)
Secretary of State
—— Illinois State Library Literacy Grants ——

The Illinois State Library Literacy Office administers the Adult Literacy Grant Program that supports services in the following areas:

- **Adult Volunteer Literacy Project** — Provides training for volunteers who tutor adults over age 17 in basic reading, math, writing or language skills. Participating educational agency partners may include libraries, volunteer tutoring organizations, community-based organizations, community colleges, regional offices of education, schools (individual and public), school districts, domestic violence shelters and correctional facilities.

- **Penny Severns Family Literacy Project** — Provides instructional services to parents and children to enhance their basic reading, math, writing or language skills together and separately. Participation by the entire family increases the benefits of the instruction. Projects must partner with an adult literacy provider, a child-at-risk organization and a library.

- **Workplace Skills Enhancement Project** — Provides on-site instructional services to employees of Illinois businesses to enable them to increase their basic reading, math, writing or language skills, maintain their employment and increase their eligibility for promotion. Eligible employees read at or below the ninth-grade level. Grantees must match the grant award and may also provide instructional services to prospective employees. The fiscal agent and submitting agency may be either the educational partner or the business partner.

Application information for grants is available at ilsos.gov (click Departments, Illinois State Library, Literacy) or call 217-785-6921 or 800-665-5576, #3.
Literacy Office Contacts

The Illinois State Library Literacy Office administers and coordinates the literacy grant programs and provides public information and technical assistance.

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- **Illinois Literacy newsletter** – Posted quarterly at ilsos.gov/publications/library/librarypub.html#literacynews. Highlights literacy programs that receive grants from the Illinois State Library, upcoming conferences, websites and more.
- **Reading and Activities Calendar** – ilsos.gov/publications/pdf_publications/lda181.pdf. A calendar of activities for families to do throughout the year.

**OTHER RESOURCES**

- **Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutor Training** – ilsos.gov/departments/library/literacy/oltt/home.html. Explore this website to determine if Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutoring is right for you. Volunteer tutors must establish a close working relationship with a local adult literacy program to complete this web-based tutor training.


- **Family Literacy Story Kits** – ilsos.gov/departments/library/literacy/storykits.html. Story kits are a packaged, participatory program activity for parent and child groups to do together and are based on children’s literature and focused on reading strategies.
Literacy practitioners can learn from each other by meeting and discussing relevant issues. The following is a list of literacy coalitions, councils and provider groups in the state.

**Chicago:**
- Citywide Literacy Coalition
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- Northside Literacy Coalition
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- Hispanic Literacy Coalition
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**Downstate:**
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**Adult Literacy Provider Groups**
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**Penny Severns Family Literacy Provider Groups**
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- Downstate Provider Group
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Family Reading Night

Sponsored by Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White, and the Illinois Center for the Book, Family Reading Night is an annual statewide event held the third Thursday in November to encourage families to spend quality time reading together. Each year, posters and bookmarks are made available for libraries, schools, youth and literacy organizations to promote the event. For more information and to download posters and bookmarks, visit ilsos.gov/departments/library/center_for_the_book/frn.html.
Adult Volunteer Literacy Project

FY 2021 final reports submitted by 67 programs funded through the Illinois State Library Literacy Office revealed the following statistics:

**Student Statistics**
- 6,120 students served.
- Average student age is 41.
- 70% are female and 30% are male.
- 44% of the adult learners are employed.
- 71% of the students study English as a Second Language.

**Volunteer Statistics**
- 3,258 volunteers.
- 74% of the volunteers are female.
- The average age is 52.
- On average, volunteers spent 13.23 hours in preservice training and 3.49 hours of in-service training.
- According to the Independent Sector, volunteer service equates to $29.37 per hour in Illinois. Therefore, volunteers provided $3,171,786 of service. For more information, visit https://www.independentsector.org.

**Inmate Programs**
- Five volunteer literacy tutoring grantees coordinated tutoring services in six correctional facilities.
- 173 students were served in a correctional setting.

**FY21 Vignette**

*Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon*

Project VITAL at Sauk Valley Community College has made a tremendous difference in the life of one their adult learners. Gloria’s first language is not English and when she started in the literacy program in 2019, she tested at a fifth-grade reading level. Her goals when enrolling with Project VITAL were to improve her reading level so she could earn a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license and to continue work toward a future nursing degree. While she was meeting with her tutor, she also attended ESL classes in hopes of more progress in improving her English. She has steadily improved her reading and quickly advanced to a sixth-grade reading level.

Gloria has been committed to attending her tutoring sessions and classes. In 2020, she earned her CNA license and was hired as a CNA. Her dedication to learning continues as she was accepted into the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program at the college. She states that her tutor has always been very patient with her and allowed her her extra time to ensure she understands what she is learning.

Gloria is thankful for the help she has received from Project VITAL and the opportunities that she has obtained by improving her reading level. Program staff are proud to see the advancement that Gloria has demonstrated and are grateful to offer educational services that make a difference in the lives of individuals like her.
Spotlight on Achievement and Spotlight on Service Awards

The FY 2021 awards, sponsored by Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White, recognized 10 individuals nominated from current adult learners statewide who have shown tremendous growth as they work to improve their reading and math skills or to learn the English language. Each adult learner received a plaque and a personalized Illinois Blue Book.

Ten literacy volunteer tutors were also honored for their generous efforts and dedication in helping adult learners reach their educational goals. Each volunteer received a plaque and a personalized Illinois Blue Book.

For more information on Spotlight on Achievement and Service awards, visit ilsos.gov/departments/library/literacy/spotlight-awards.html or call the Literacy Office at 217-785-6921 or 800-665-5576, ext. 3.

2021 Spotlight on Achievement Award Winners

• Karelys Alfaro – Literacy DuPage, Glen Ellyn
• Betty Davis – Baby TALK, Decatur
• Vicki Ferguson – Literacy Chicago, Chicago
• Belinda Guillen-Rodriguez – Parkland College, Champaign
• Maria Herrera – De La Salle Institute, Chicago
• Hazar Makkawi – Corazón a Corazón, Blue Island
• Goudile Mukamunzi – Howard Area Community Center, Chicago
• Charles Safari – Howard Area Community Center, Chicago
• Shamim Shakir – Chinese Mutual Aid Association, Chicago
• Jieling Wemple – Chinese Mutual Aid Association, Chicago
2021 Spotlight on Service Award Winners

- Lee Beneze – Lewis & Clark Community College, Godfrey
- Sanjee Choudhuri – Literacy Chicago, Chicago
- Lilly Chow – Chinese Mutual Aid Association, Chicago
- Wealtha Helland – The Literacy Council, Rockford
- Pete Howlett – Howard Area Community Center, Chicago
- Penny Lopez – Parkland College, Champaign
- Aviva Rubin – Oakton Community College, Skokie
- Dora Smith – Prairie State College, Chicago Heights
- Marlea Smith – Literacy DuPage, Glen Ellyn
- Ann Vogel – Danville Area Community College, Danville

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ILLINOIS ADULT LEARNING HOTLINE

The Illinois Adult Learning Hotline serves as a statewide referral system for students and volunteers.

To locate a literacy program or volunteer as a tutor, call or text 800-321-9511.

You also may register and/or download Hotline promotional materials at https://www.AdultLearningHotline.org.
FY 2021 final reports submitted by 28 programs funded through the Illinois State Library Literacy Office revealed the following statistics:

**Student (Adult) Statistics**
- 490 adults served.
- 86% of the adults are female.
- 78% of the adults study English as a Second Language.
- Average age of the adult student is 34.
- 248 participants obtained a library card.

**Student (Child) Statistics**
- 689 children served.
- Average age is 6.
- Average adult/child activity time together was about 17 hours; average child alone activity hours was 224.

**FY21 Vignette**

**Southtown Youth Program Center, Mt. Vernon**

While the pandemic made participation in most activities challenging for everyone, it especially affected a family literacy program participant. Her primary language was Spanish and she needed to help her children with their at-home classes. Her children’s schoolwork was delivered through Zoom, Google Docs and daily follow-along lessons on paper provided by each teacher. Supporting the children in their homework was difficult because of the language barrier. She reached out to the Southtown Youth Program Center asking for tutoring assistance for not only her, but also the whole family.

With her permission, Southtown contacted the children’s school to get a better understanding of the specific issues facing the family so an educational plan could be developed. Throughout the year, the family had to quarantine several times because of COVID-19 exposure. After the completion of the quarantines, the family resumed in-person tutoring sessions with program staff at the public library. Southtown helped the family with transportation, ensuring the family was able to consistently attend instruction. The program also provided the family with a number of learning tools necessary to keep them on the path to improvement. Library cards were issued to the family that enabled them to have access to computers and WiFi so they could keep up with homework assignments. The library also provided a quiet atmosphere for the family to work and focus on learning.

The persistence of the family and Southtown resulted in greatly improved grades by the children in school. It was noted by program staff that the family’s confidence and determination was restored due to their recent educational accomplishments. As they continue on the path of success, the family has discovered that a lack of English-language skills will no longer be a hindrance to their success.
Workplace Skills Enhancement Project

FY 2021 final reports submitted by eight businesses funded through the Illinois State Library Literacy Office revealed the following statistics:

Typical Employee/Student Statistics
- 291 employees instructed.
- About 59% of the students are female.
- Average age of employees is 39.8.
- 100% of the employees study English as a Second Language.

Why employees want to participate in Basic Skills Training
- They will be less reliant on translators and more confident in communicating with supervisors and co-workers.
- They will use math skills learned in the classes on the floor daily.
- They will be eligible for promotions that become available.

Why employers want to participate in Basic Skills Training
- Employees are better able to communicate with immediate supervisors and to participate and contribute in work team activities.
- Supervisors notice that participants have a better understanding of manufacturing practices and are able to use that to check shop orders.
- Promotion of individuals who have participated in the classes result in improved morale, heightened expectations and greater interest in additional training.

FY21 Vignette
Smithfield Foods, Monmouth;
Regional Office of Education #33, Monmouth

Smithfield Foods is a U.S.-based global food company and the world’s largest pork processor with a diverse workforce at their Monmouth plant. Employees who are non-native English speakers comprise 40% of the over 1,750 employees. They speak a variety of languages, including French, Spanish and Burmese. The goal of the literacy project at Smithfield is to provide the ESL workers with an opportunity to learn and improve their English-language skills in order to perform work duties more efficiently and acclimate to their new community. Even though the pandemic presented many challenges to the project, the company, educational provider and employees worked together to make the project a success. Smithfield states that they are seeing an increase in the use of English by the employees and more engagement in their daily work duties. The program has had a positive impact on those who have participated. They are better able to interact with supervisors and co-workers and understand each other’s goals. Students have expressed that they are also becoming more comfortable in the community because of their improved language skills.
Fiscal Year 2022 Literacy Grants by Region

**ADULT VOLUNTEER LITERACY GRANTS**

*Regional Totals:*
- Chicago: $1,499,234, 27 Programs
- Suburban Chicago: $1,112,214, 17 Programs
- Downstate: $1,503,192, 24 Programs
- Total: $4,114,640, 68 Programs

**PENNY SEVERN'S FAMILY LITERACY GRANTS**

*Regional Totals:*
- Chicago: $1,688,500, 15 Programs
- Suburban Chicago: $230,777, 5 Programs
- Downstate: $404,849, 9 Programs
- Total: $1,324,126, 29 Programs

**WORKPLACE SKILLS ENHANCEMENT GRANTS**

(by location of business)

*Regional Totals:*
- Suburban Chicago: $77,116, 6 Programs
- Downstate: $15,458, 2 Programs
- Total: $92,574, 8 Programs

**OTHER GRANTS**

- Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition: $22,300
- Illinois Adult Learning Hotline: $85,000
- Literacy Works: $35,000
- Total: $142,300

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Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Map
Service Locations in Cook County

Service Locations in Chicago
- Adult Volunteer: 87
- Workplace Programs: 2
- Penny Sevems Family Programs: 13
  Total: 82

Service Locations in Cook County (includes Chicago)
- Adult Volunteer: 216
- Workplace Programs: 9
- Penny Sevems Family Programs: 17
  Total: 242
Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Map
Service Locations Outside of Cook County

Service Locations Outside of Cook County
- Adult Volunteer: 503
- Workplace Programs: 2
- Penny Severns Family Programs: 33
Total: 538
## Adult Volunteer Literacy Funded Projects

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