

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Literacy Center's service to the community is a vital one-- to help people become stronger members of the community by becoming more self-sufficient.

In the past few years, the Literacy Center has also sought to become self-sustaining in order to ensure its ability to continue to serve its mission. This has led to improvements in all areas of its operation. A large part of this improvement is the result of increased and continuing community support.

In addition to monetary donations, the Center accepts in-kind donations, donations of new books and magazine subscriptions and donations of other usable materials and supplies. Please call the Center for further information.

ASU LITERACY CENTER OUTREACH

- Scholarships for literacy service providers
- Training and research on using technology in literacy programs
- Seminars and workshops for administrators, teachers, childcare providers and parents/guardians participating in literacy programs
- Speakers for groups seeking to improve literacy
- Literacy and the Arts programs such as storytelling, plays, summer literacy camp, the annual Family Fun Fair
- Assistance in setting up community-based independent literacy satellite centers such as those in Thomson, North Augusta and East Augusta-- This may include help in initial setting up of the facility and training of tutors, as needed, leading to each community leading its own center in order to meet the needs of its community.

CALL THE ASU LITERACY CENTER IF:

- You know someone who cannot read well. You would like to get him/her into a tutoring program.
- You want to get involved personally in meeting the needs of weak readers by serving as a tutor volunteer.
- You would just like to know more about the Literacy Center.
- You would like a speaker to talk with your organization about improving literacy in the CSRA.
- Your time is limited, but you would like to help in other ways. You know there is some way you can help. You or your group is interested in serving at the Literacy Center in any way needed.



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- Learn to Read
- Get Help with Homework
- Improve Literacy Skills

You can read this... Will you help someone who struggles to read it?

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According to national figures, four million adults in the United States can neither sign their own names nor do other rudimentary tasks. According to Georgia's Task Force on Adult Literacy, one out of three adult Georgians is functionally illiterate. Moreover, in the Augusta area alone, there are more than 65,000 adults whose basic educational levels are less than those of the average eighth grader. These citizens have difficulty performing everyday tasks that most adults take for granted. This may include shopping, reading signs on the roads and buses, and completing job applications.



The Literacy Center seeks to help people achieve success in any academic area by helping them acquire and master basic skills vital to any level of success and learn to love to read. Clients come from all over the CSRA.

The ASU Literacy Center recruits volunteers to tutor children, youth and adults. The Center helps clients learn to read and improve achievement in academic subjects in addition to reading.

CLIENTS

Adult tutoring takes place on the "adult only day" to allow clearer focus on achieving the tasks at hand.

Traditional student tutoring of elementary through high school age students takes place four days each week. (4:00 to 8:00) Clients need to register for sessions. If a client must miss a session, it is expected that the Center office will be notified well in advance. Given the desire to keep tutor/client ratio down, the number of clients is limited. It is hoped that each client and tutor will build a helping relationship focused on meeting the needs of each client.

TUTORS

Most of the tutors come from the students of Augusta State University's College of Education. All tutors are volunteers who give of their time in addition to taking courses. In addition to community volunteers, tutors are undergraduates or graduate students seeking Masters or Specialist degrees. The Center seeks community volunteers to serve as tutors. Prior to serving, potential tutors are trained and made aware of the procedures, methods and resources of the Literacy Center. Training is provided by the director of the Center and the volunteer coordinator. Those interested in learning about tutoring should call the Center office.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

The Center is staffed by a certified teacher to ensure quality in all areas. He will arrange sessions and circulate during the sessions. Sessions run from 4:00- 8:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

SERVING ADULTS

On Wednesdays, the Center primarily serves adults, under the direction of a certified teacher. Clients use materials produced by the Laubach Reading Program addition to books, current magazines and newspapers. The Center treats each client with dignity, and realizes the courage required to seek out this help. Individual programs are set up to meet the needs of each adult client.

