

BACKGROUND

Forty million adults in America have trouble reading, but with help they can learn. Volunteer tutors from Hayward Public Library's Literacy Plus Program are proving this every day. Since 1986, Literacy Plus has helped thousands of adults improve their reading and writing skills. As a result, they have become citizens, earned driver's licenses, obtained G.E.D. degrees, and voted for the first time. Their increased skills have resulted in higher self-esteem, better jobs, and the ability to help their children succeed.



"My spelling has really improved. I feel so much better about myself, I've joined clubs and church groups. Now I can actually participate in them. A lot of windows have opened up for me. I have a whole new life now. I should have started sooner. But I know now that you're never too old to start."

-Ruben

"I remember when I came to the United States 12 years ago. I only brought my eyes with me. Although I had a mouth, I could not talk. I had ears but could not hear. I was like a frog that lived in a deep well."

"Going to the Literacy Plus Program made me feel like dried-up grass getting water... I felt the sky blue and high, the sea green and deep, the flowers colorful and fragrant, the people beautiful and friendly."

-Wen

VOLUNTEER

Become a volunteer for one of our programs

Free training provided

Apply online

SUPPORT

Make a financial contribution

Tell friends and family about us

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Literacy Plus Program

Hayward Public Library

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The Literacy Plus Council is comprised of Literacy Plus Program volunteers, educators, and business professionals who are dedicated to eliminating intergenerational illiteracy. The Council is seeking dedicated individuals who value literacy education and who want to work to make that available to all those in need.

Change a Life

Help an adult improve their literacy skills



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LITERACY

PLUS PROGRAM

HAYWARD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Literacy Plus, Hayward Public Library's adult literacy program, provides free learning opportunities to adults who want to improve their basic literacy skills. By mobilizing volunteers from our community, we create a learning environment where adults improve their lives and families grow and thrive.

One-On-One Tutoring

The Literacy Plus Program offers one-on-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills. Trained volunteers provide goal-directed, learner-centered tutoring.



English Conversation Circles

Volunteer tutors provide opportunities for non-native English speakers to practice conversation, which strengthens their communication skills and builds self-esteem. Locations throughout Hayward.

Career Online High School

Eligible candidates can earn their accredited high school diploma and career certificate online. Students are given 18 months to complete the program. A limited number of scholarships are available.



Computer Learning Lab

Literacy Plus learners practice essential computer skills to increase digital literacy and access instructional software to strengthen their reading, writing, and English skills. Volunteer tutors oversee the Lab.



Family Programming

Story time programs introduce young children to books, rhymes, music, and peer interaction while building a foundation of pre-literacy skills and a life-long love of learning. Free books are distributed to encourage the joy of reading.

Family Programming includes:

- Families for Literacy
- Read While You Wait
- Books-To-Go
- Early Learning for Families



For more information, visit HaywardLiteracyPlus.com or call 510-881-7910