

Literacy Network...

LITERACY NETWORK HELPS
ADULTS IN DANE COUNTY
BUILD SKILLS, REACH
GOALS, AND CONNECT
COMMUNITIES.

In 2023, we served 1,445 adults throughout Dane Country. Programming was supported by 380 volunteers.

Each semester, we offer students more than 40 classes across 9 programs.

Classes are held at Literacy Network, schools, libraries, community centers, workplaces, and online.

Serving Dane County since 1974

NEED AND IMPACT



1 IN 7 ADULTS IN DANE COUNTY, or approximately 60,000 people, do not yet have the English or literacy skills needed to navigate life in our community.

26%

26% of US children are in immigrant families...



...but account for 43% of all children in poverty.

\$10,000

Adults who participate in 100 or more hours of basic education programs increase their annual incomes over time by an average of nearly \$10,000.



Immigrants who become naturalized citizens have about 10% higher family income.



A MOTHER'S LITERACY LEVEL

is the single greatest determinant in a child's educational success.

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PROGRAMS AND SERVICES







English as a Second Language

Group Classes

Students attend English classes offered at 5 levels (Basic through English for College & Career) in a traditional classroom format, usually at Literacy Network.

Community English

Students attend multi-level English classes offered in partnership with schools, libraries, and community centers at 10 Dane County locations.

1-1 Tutoring

ESL students work 1-1 with a volunteer tutor every week; a paid intern writes individualized lessons for each of the 8 tutorstudent pairs in their group.

Workplace Classes

Employees improve their English skills for increased safety, productivity, and wellbeing at work. Classes are offered in partnership with the employer and take place at the job site and on paid time.

Adult Basic Education

GED/HSED Tutoring

Students work 1-1 with a volunteer tutor to obtain their GED or HSED (High School Equivalency Diploma). Students in Madison College's HSED program work with Literacy Network tutors in their classes at the College.

Essential Tutoring

Native English-speaking students and advanced English language learners work weekly 1-1 with a volunteer tutor to improve their reading, writing, and/or computer skills. Staff and tutors create individualized lessons for students.

Citizenship

Group Classes

Lawful permanent residents work toward the goal of obtaining their U.S. citizenship in weekly English classes that prepare them for the naturalization test.

1-1 Tutoring

Citizenship students who have submitted their application for naturalization work 1-1 with a volunteer tutor as their interview date approaches.

Cross-Program Services

Refugee Services

Provides a range of supports for newly arrived adult refugees and asylees including personalized registration, classes, tutoring, and case management.

Student Services

Multilingual staff support students for registration, attendance, re-enrollment, and end-of-semester surveys. Staff conduct regular surveys and connect students to resources for basic needs (food, housing, childcare, work).

Volunteers

Volunteer tutors meet 1-1 with students, providing individualized instruction. Tutors receive training and follow lessons prepared by interns.

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