Literacy Network™







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

In 2025, we served more than 1,700 adults throughout Dane Country. Programming was supported by nearly 400 volunteers.

Each semester, we offer students around 50 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

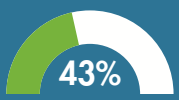
1 IN 7 ADULTS IN DANE COUNTY,
or more than 80,000 people, do not yet have the English or literacy skills needed to navigate life in our community.

$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.



26% of U.S. children are in immigrant families...



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



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.

Platinum Transparency 2026 Candid.

Charity Navigator FOUR-STAR

Department of Human Services Dane County

Great Nonprofits 2026 Top-Rated Nonprofit

Proud Partner
United Way of Dane County
The Power of Many. Working for All.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE

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 tutor-student 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

High School Diploma Program
Students have multiple options for earning a high school diploma, including GED tests or a competency-based curriculum. Study is flexible and personalized to the student, with choices to work with an instructor at our Omega Learning Center, meet weekly with a tutor, or participate in HSED classes at Madison College with the support of a Literacy Network tutor.

Essentials 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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