

Lake County Library System Adult Literacy Program

Tutor Talk



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Moving towards 21st Century Skills

It is not a surprise to us that the learners we work with today want and need to improve their literacy skills on a much broader scope of learning. The goals are now predominately GED, higher education and certification programs, and jobs. What they need to develop and enhance are 21st Century skills. And what are these skills, you may ask? *Read on!*

To be productive contributors to society in our 21st Century, you need ... a broad portfolio of essentials in learning, innovation, technology, and career skills needed for work and life. 21st Century Learning Skills include Life and Career Skills; Learning and Innovation Skills; and Information, Media, and Technology Skills. ([Wikipedia](#))

Are you scratching your head, wondering how you could possibly meet this challenge? Let's break it down a bit... *see page 2*



Adult New Reader Collection Playaways!

ANR Collection has new tools!

Does your learner have a library card?

If not they could be missing out on resources and learning tools. 6 new Playaway titles have been added...

Check them out!

Learner Attendance

Goals are set, lessons developed, materials and resources collected, tutor prepared...and the learner is a 'no show'...

Frustrating, yes. Disappointing, yes. Acceptable, *maybe*.

Remembering that we are working with adults who have multiple responsibilities—*job(s), children, family, health*—and at times it can cause conflicts, we tend to overcompensate and accept absences. But I would caution you to revisit the *see page 3*



Leesburg Tutoring Team

Learn more about the [Adult Literacy Program!](#)

Questions or comments? Email Erika L. Greene at egreene@lakeline.lib.fl.us or call 352-253-6183.

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Cooper Pre-GED Math class

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you already identify goals and build lesson plans around them; select materials that compliment these goals; and guide the learners as they develop improved students skills (attendance, studying, focus, and responsibility for their future). These are core skills that directly translate into the above identified 21st Century Skills...you are already on your way there! Consider the following ideas to take you one step closer:

1. Goals—dig deeper, be more specific in the short term goals, engage the learner in career and college pathways planning, discuss options, encourage bigger thinking!
2. Curriculum & materials—access resources that build on these skills - go beyond Endeavor, Oxford Picture Dictionary... For example, incorporate a career planning tool or use web-based learning sites in class and as at home study!
3. Workshops and classes offered in the library—we are excited to be offering a variety of educational workshops on a variety of topics: job counseling, Money Smart, computer classes, ...

Still wondering exactly how you can expand your lessons to assist the learner as they develop better skills to be more competitive in today's society? **Contact me!**

Web-based Resources

English as a Second Language [Podcasts](#)

Roles and Goals [Curriculum](#)

Practical Money Skills – [Financial Literacy](#) for Everyone
[Career Guide](#)—Where are you going?

Florida Literacy Coalition—[Literacy News Spring 2012](#)



APRIL 21-28, 2012 | @YOUR LIBRARY

April 23, 24 & 26, 2012

Workshops for everyone!

Work at Home Schemes

April 23—Cagan Crossings Library

April 24—Leesburg Public Library

Women and Money

April 23—Lady Lake Library

Practical Money Skills

April 26—Marion Baysinger Library

The Money Games (*teens*)

April 23—Cagan Crossings Library

Money Smart Game Show
(*teens*)

April 24—Leesburg Public Library

Mark your calendar and tell your learners!

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[Adult Learner Agreement](#) and understand that we have waiting lists in many library locations and that we are really not helping the learner. We actually are devaluing the program and making their goals more important to us than them!

From the moment the learner meets with the learner orientation tutor to working with you they will be told how valuable their seats are...people are waiting for their seat...'no shows' may result in being moved to the waiting list!

Please help us as we continue to grow the program and provide more adults the opportunity to improve their literacy skills and achieve their goals.

Job Counseling Program

The goal of the Job Counseling Program is to help individuals discover their strengths, market their skills and abilities to employers, develop a resume, learn effective interview skills, and use the internet to find jobs. The job counselor is available to provide information, support, and guidance for individuals looking to get into the job market for the first time or re-invent themselves after having been laid off.

Need help finding a job now? Four Lake County Libraries are offering free meetings with job counselors.



Adult New Reader Collection Citizenship Test

ANR Collection has new tools!

Does your learner have a library card?

If not they could be missing out on resources and learning tools. Study on your own at Cagan Crossings Community Library, City of Tavares Public Library, Cooper Memorial Library, and the Leesburg Public Library! Or borrow the kit and use it at home.

Check it out!



[East Lake Library](#)

Monday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

[Leesburg Public Library](#)

Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

[Paisley County Library](#) (beginning May 2, 2012)

First & third Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

[Marion Baysinger Library](#)

Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Workbooks, flash cards,
magnetic phonic boards, cd-
roms, books on cd/tape, ...
Looking for more materials to
support your lesson plans?
Contact me—I have great stuff!

RESOURCES FOR YOU...*OnLine*

Writing

The Purdue Online Writing Lab ([OWL](#))
Pre-GED—Language Arts—[Writing](#)
[Storybird](#)—Artful Storytelling



Reading

Pre-GED—Language Arts— [Reading](#)
[Education.com](#)
[Fun Fonix](#)
[Best of the Reader](#)

ELL

[ELCivics](#)
[Interactive games online](#)
[U.S.A. Learns](#)

Math

Pre-GED — [Math](#)
[Math Fact Cafe](#)
LearnFree—[Math](#) and more!

Miscellaneous

[ProLiteracy](#)
GED Teacher [Resource Center](#)
[GED](#) Studying 101
[FCAT](#) Sample Questions—reading, math, science

