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Literacy and Libations
Grab your drink
We will be starting at 5:30



Literacy and Libations

Literacy Chicago Makes a Difference

April 30, 2020



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Mission

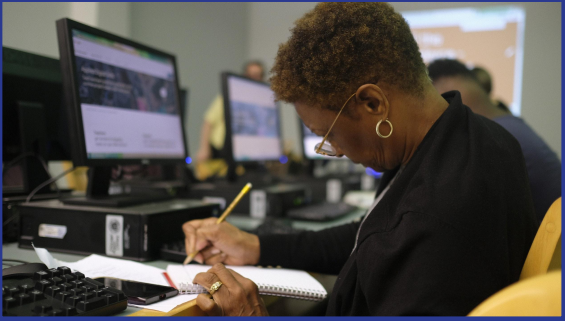
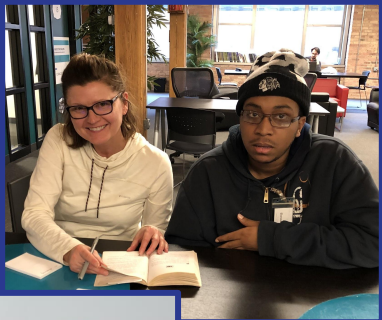
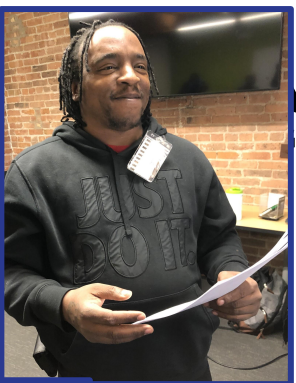
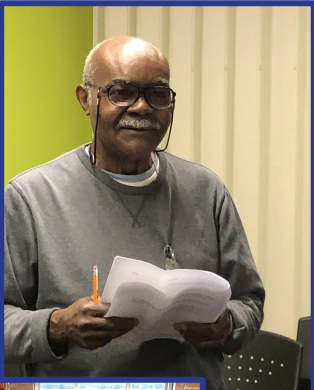


Literacy Chicago's mission is to
empower individuals
to achieve greater self
sufficiency through language and
literacy instruction.

What does Literacy Chicago do?



Serve our community



Literacy Chicago



52 years old and still moving forward!

Tuition free classes and tutoring for adults 18 and older

- Adult Literacy (AL) - 25% of our students
- General Education Development (GED/ABE)
- English as a Second Language (ESL) - 50% beginners
- Citizenship preparation
- Workforce Development
- Digital Inclusion Program

Literacy Chicago's Impact

We help our adult students to

- Get into the workforce
- Improve job skills
- Increase their confidence
- Obtain their GED
- Learn a trade
- Adapt to American culture

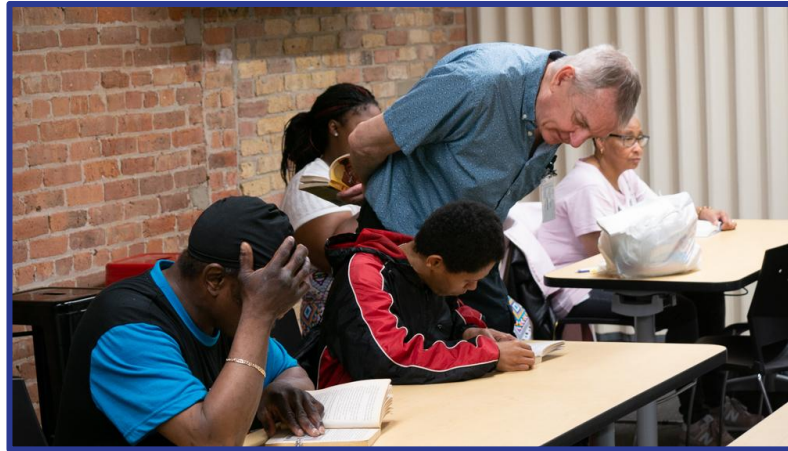
Why is our work important?

Facts and Figures about Literacy in the US



Literacy in the USA

More than 36 million adults in the U.S. lack basic literacy skills



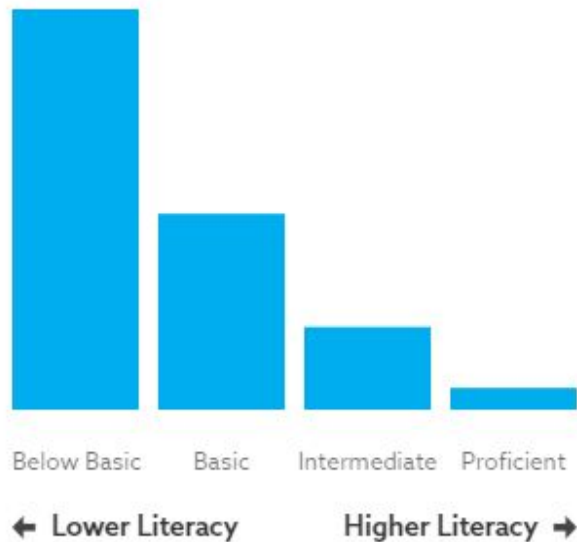
Source: *Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy*

Literacy in the USA

Literacy Gap Map

BARBARA BUSH FOUNDATION
FOR FAMILY LITERACY

Percent of adults in **poor health**

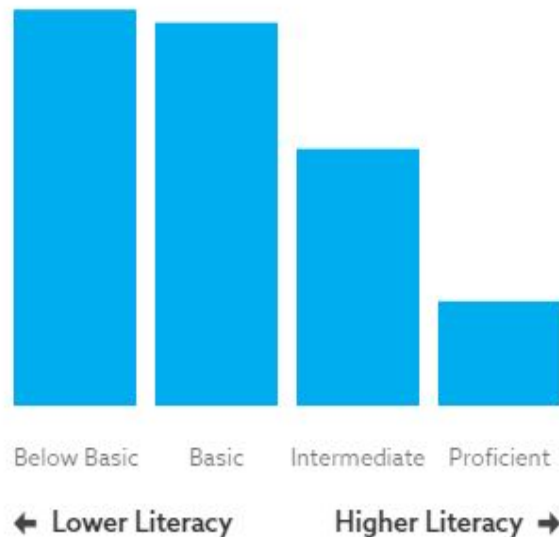


Literacy in the USA

Literacy Gap Map

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Percent of adults who have **received public assistance**

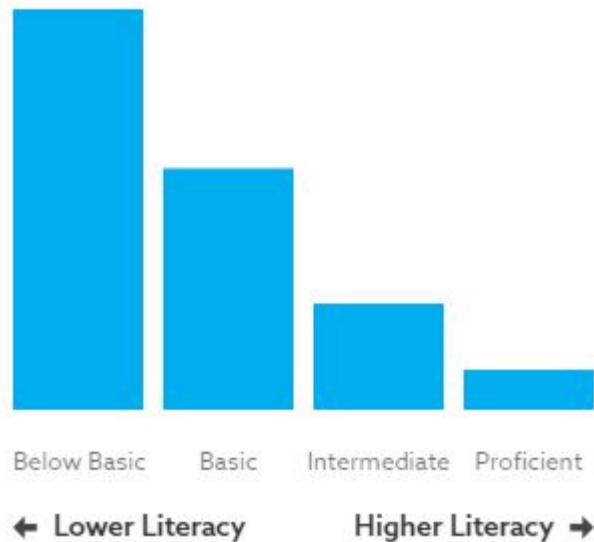


Literacy in the USA

Literacy Gap Map

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Percent of households that **make**
\$20,000 or less



What About Literacy in Chicago?



Take a Poll

How many Chicagoans do you think are
considered illiterate?

(can't read beyond 3rd grade level)



The Forgotten Population

“An estimated 882,000 (30%) adults in Chicago have low basic literacy skills.”

Facts and Figures: Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition



Who are low level readers?



- Average level: 4th grade
- Newspapers: require a 6th grade level
- Average age: 26-58
- 50-50 gender split

Why Literacy Matters

Imagine if you could not:

- Be sure you were taking the correct dose of medicine
- Read the ingredients on a label in a grocery store
- Know if you were on the right bus
- Understand street signs
- Fill out unemployment forms
- Comprehend your bills
- Connect to the digital world

Is There Hope?

YES!

Secretary of State statistics show:

4 hours of tutoring a week

=

1 reading level in 6 months



Review of 2019-2020 14 New Classes!



Chicago Public Schools



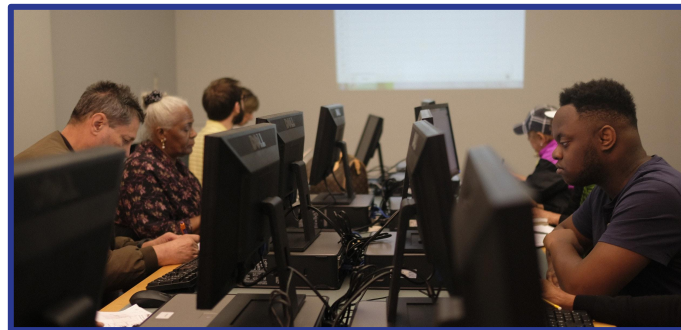
English students from Nixon
Elementary School

“Drop off your kids and stay to study
English!”

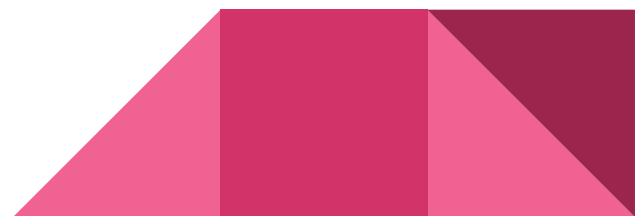
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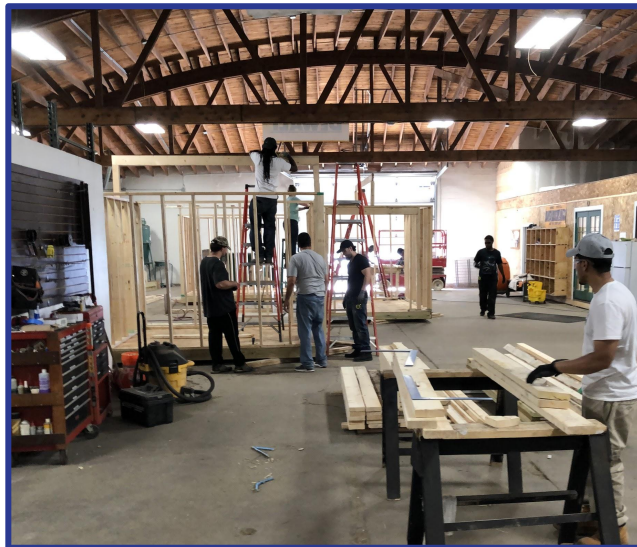
Independence Library



Harold Washington Library



Workforce Skills



- 10 week course
- 2 credentials
- 92% placed in jobs
- 105 students

Revolution Workshop



Workforce Skills coming soon



Inspiration Kitchens

Partnership with Daily Life Church



One Nail at a Time Career Exploration Class Discover Construction Fields



EXPLORE

- Benefits of working in the construction field.
- Industry statistics about what's in demand.
- Contextualized applied mathematics.
- Design & plan based on residential & commercial properties

DISCOVER

Carpentry, electrical, welding, masonry, roofing, plumbing, glazier, plasterer..

Possibility to transition into a hands-on program, apprenticeship, and assistance with job placement.

ENROLL

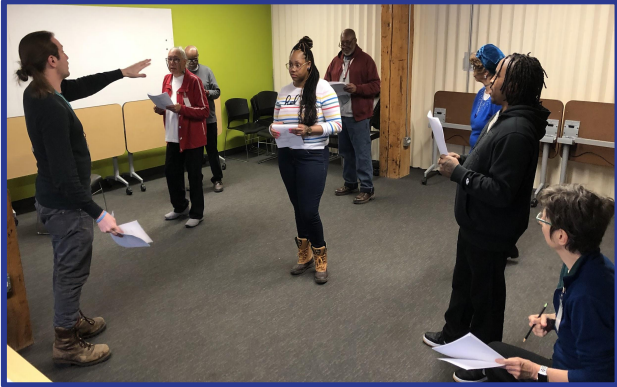
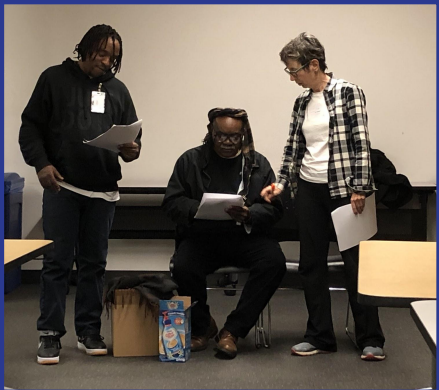
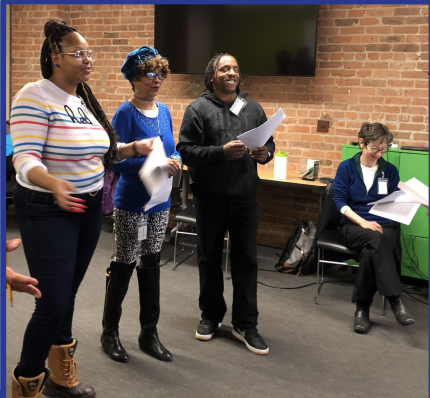
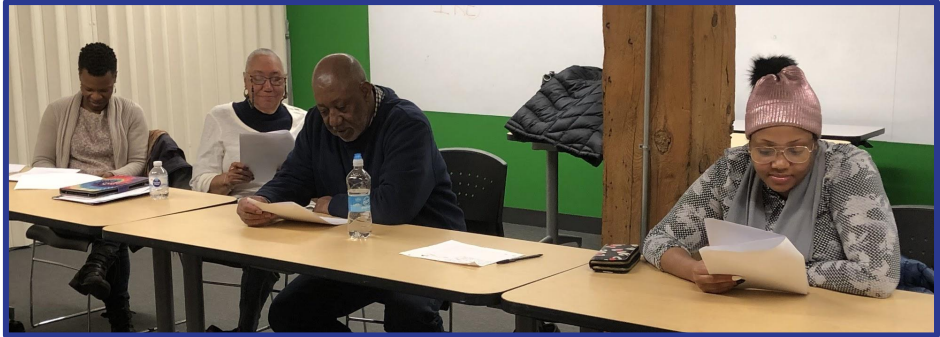
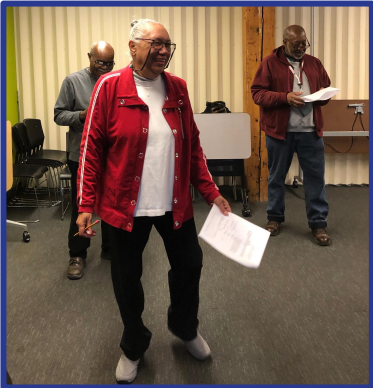
12 week program - no cost to students
Starting March 2020
Call Pastor Joe: 312-806-0638
Pastor Giles: 773-682-6045

Classes at

Temple of Faith
5859 W. Fullerton Ave,
Chicago Ill 60639



Partnership Chicago Dramatists



New Adult Literacy Class Partnership Chicago Dramatists



The Outcomes

Student	Number of sessions (9 total 1.5 hrs each)	Total hours	SORT (pre-test)	SORT (post-test)	Difference in score	
A	7	10.5	2.2	2.6	increase 0.4	
B	9	13.5	2.2	2.8	increase 0.6	
C	7	10.5	3.4	3.8	increase 0.4	
D	9	13.5	1.7	2.1	increase 0.4	grade level change
E	6	9	0.9	1.5	increase 0.6	grade level change
F	9	13.5	3.2	4	increase 0.8	grade level change

Partnerships

Above and Beyond Recovery Center

Revolution Workshop

Inspiration Kitchens

Nixon Elementary School

Jordan Elementary School

Lady of Tepeyac High School

Harold Washington Library

Independence Library

Portage-Cragin Library

Chicago Dramatists

Literacy Volunteers of Illinois

DePaul University



The Covid-19 Challenge

How can we continue to serve our students?



Success!

ESL-GED-CITIZENSHIP-CONVERSATION CLASSES



Online Teaching



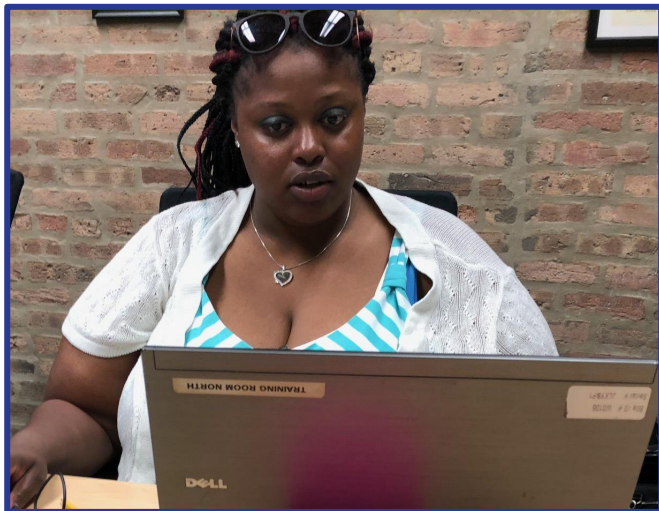
Challenge

Adult Literacy Classes

(reading levels 2nd -4th grade)



Krystil and her Tutors



AL Online Classes

After many hours of
hard work and
determination!
Success!



Get Involved!



Can you support our cause?

Outreach and Expansion is a double edged sword!

We need:

- More volunteers : Tutors and Associate Board Members
- More conversations about *Literacy as an Essential Right* (what we do and how we can help)
- More staff
- More donations

Volunteer! Join our team of over 150 volunteers



Join our Associate Board



Speaker View

Joanne Telser-Frere

Sarah

Jacob

Laura Frankel

Taylor Booth

Keay

John Hennessy

Abby McQuiston

KarenKring

Hinda Razzouq's iPhone

Akshat

11 Participants

1 Chat

Stop Video

Share Screen

Record

Reactions

Leave Meeting

Detailed description: This is a screenshot of a Zoom meeting interface. The main area is a grid of 11 video thumbnails. Each thumbnail shows a person, mostly women, holding up a book or a drink. The books shown include 'The Sun Does Shine' by Andrea Lewis, 'Crazy Like Us' by Justin M Sizemore, 'Normal People' by Sally Rooney, 'The Woman in the Window' by A.J. Finn, 'Kurt Vonnegut Blueberry' by Keay, 'The Road to Nowhere' by John Green, 'Potty Mouth' by Karen Krings, and 'James of Highly Effective People' by Stephen G. One thumbnail, labeled 'Akshat', is a dark square with a white telephone handset icon, indicating a muted participant. The bottom of the screen features a dark control bar with icons for 'Stop Video', 'Participants' (11), 'Chat' (1), 'Share Screen', 'Record', and 'Reactions'. A red 'Leave Meeting' button is in the bottom right corner.

Our Amazing Associate Board

Abby McQuiston - Co-Chair

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Brandon Locke - Social Media Chair

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Jacob Voss

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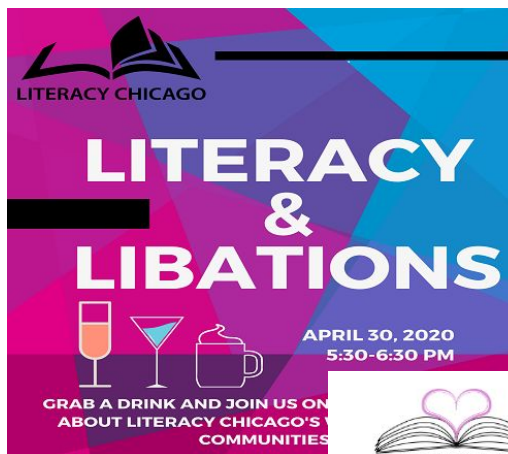
Sarah Luyengi

Marisol Guzman



What do we do?

- Fundraising
- Event Planning
- Volunteer Tutoring
- Email Resume to jtelsrfrere@literacychicago.org



Literacy Volunteers of Illinois
&
Literacy Chicago
present

CASINO NIGHT

7-11 PM ♦ NOVEMBER 9, 2019 ♦ \$25

-TABLES-
BLACKJACK ROULETTE
POKER CRAPS
table play from 7:30 - 10:30PM

Join us at the
LITERACENTER
641 W. LAKE ST
Third Floor

You can increase literacy in your community by supporting the efforts of volunteer literacy organizations. Your support of Casino Night will go to providing services to volunteer efforts addressing the needs of low literacy adults, as well as LVI's Jump Start Program, which serves incarcerated youth.

www.lvillinois.org

LVI LITERACY CHICAGO

Illustrations of playing cards (Ace of Spades, Ace of Clubs, Ace of Hearts) are scattered around the bottom of the poster.

ANNUAL GALA & LIVE AUCTION

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 // 6PM TO 10PM
AMERICAN WRITERS MUSEUM // 180 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

Enjoy an inspiring evening of mixing and mingling, flowing libations, silent auction, and live entertainment at the fifty-first annual Literacy Chicago fall gala, Celebrating the Love of Literacy.

We're very excited to have speakers Janet Davies from ABC 7 Chicago, storyteller Nestor Gomez, and local author Ursula Bieleski share their passion for realizing a stronger, resilient, and fully literate Chicago.

All proceeds from the event will directly benefit and empower our adult students to achieve greater self-sufficiency through language, literacy instruction, and workforce development skills.

TICKETS/DONATION AT WWW.LITERACYCHICAGO.ORG

EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$100 ON SALE UNTIL AUGUST 31

CALL US AT 312.870.1100

FEATURING



JANET DAVIES
ABC 7 CHICAGO



NESTOR GOMEZ
STORYTELLER



URSULA BIELESKI
CHICAGO AUTHOR

& MUSIC BY FRED SIMON'S TRIO

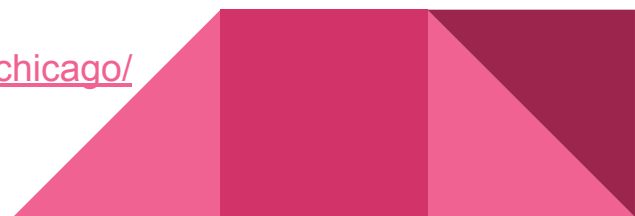
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Join us Upcoming Events

Giving Tuesday May 5th

Gala scheduled for Sept 17,2020 (date to be confirmed)

Laughs for Literacy (date to be confirmed)



Donate



How will your donation help?

It will allow us to:

- Offer more digital literacy in all our classes
- Increase staff to meet growing program demands
- Support our off site programs
- Buy books for our students
- Transportation assistance for students

Giving Tuesday May 5th



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Closing the Digital Literacy Gap During Covid-19

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\$0 of \$3,000 goal

Campaign created 11 days ago

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LC Website!

Start a fundraiser

Created April 16, 2020



Giving Tuesday Now: GoFundMe Charity Match Program Campaign



Keay Crandall Fundraiser



Literacy Chicago Benefiting Charity

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Q & A



Thank you for Attending!

