



Literacy Connection

Literally Changing Lives



PARTNERING WITH OUR COMMUNITY TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH LITERACY.

OUR MISSION

The Literacy Connection is dedicated to helping adults in the northwest suburbs reach their **literacy goals** through one-on-one **volunteer tutoring** and small group instruction.

Founded in 1984, we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and provide our tutoring services free of charge to individuals in the 16 northwest Chicago suburbs we serve.

QUICK FACTS

Our Impact

Fiscal Year 2023:

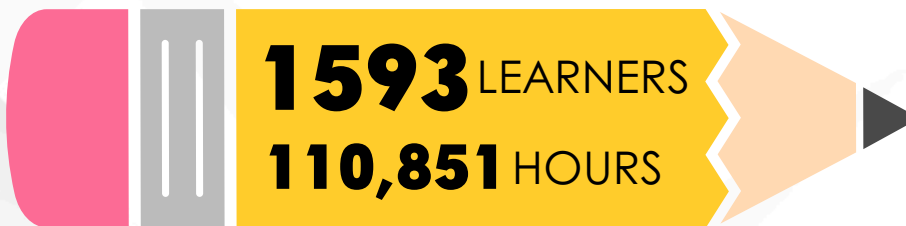


Hours of tutoring in
fiscal year **2023***



Adult learners served
in fiscal year **2023**

Past 15 Years:



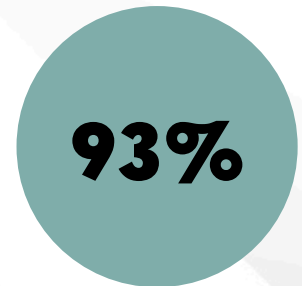
Total adult learners served and total
tutoring hours over the **past 15 years***

The Need

- **32%** of Kane County and **44.4%** of Elgin population report speaking a language other than English at home**
- Approximately **100 hopeful learners** on our waitlist for a tutor

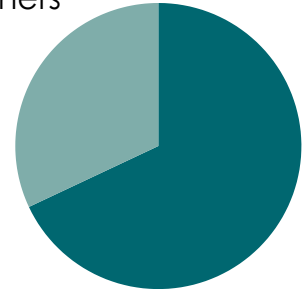
Demographics

Fiscal Year 2023:

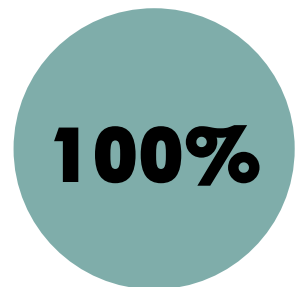


Hispanic learners in
fiscal year 2023

32% Male
Learners



68% Female
Learners



Low-income learners
in fiscal year 2023

**Tutoring hours includes tutor preparation time*

***Source: data.census.gov (compare to Illinois statewide average of 23.9%)*

PARTNER WITH US

Help us change lives through literacy.

Sponsor an Event

- Annual Fundraisers
- Family Literacy Program Graduation
- Tutor & Learner Recognition Events
- Community Outreach Events

\$100 to \$2500 +

Perks vary based on level and include recognition through social media, website, press releases, print materials, and verbal acknowledgment. Title sponsorships will be listed as “presented by” on all materials. Contact the office for more information about sponsoring an upcoming event.



Become a Literacy Impact Partner

Support literacy in our community through an annual donation. We rely on individual and corporate donations to sustain and grow our literacy programs.

- Bronze Literacy Impact Partner - \$500+
- Silver Literacy Impact Partner - \$1000+
- Gold Literacy Impact Partner - \$2500+
- Diamond Literacy Impact Partner - \$5000+

All Literacy Impact Partners are listed on our website throughout the fiscal year of their donation. They are also recognized through social media. Silver, Gold, and Diamond Literacy Impact Partners are additionally listed alongside our grantors throughout the year when supporters are listed in event and marketing materials, with the option of their logo and/or a program ad (as applicable) included. (Logo and/or ad size may vary based on partner level.)





Staff and Board Members receive the Elgin Hispanic Network (EHN) **Organization of the Year** Award in fall 2023, for excellence in positively impacting the Hispanic community.

Staff

Executive Director - Megan Wheless

Program Coordinator - Karla Rojas

Program Assistant - Alejandra Calderon

Data Manager - Marsha Callahan

Office Coordinator - Sara Yun

Resource Coordinator - Julie Boettcher

PACT Coordinator - Cristina Colunga

ESL Instructor - Jessica Elliott

ESL Instructor - Rose Geijer

ESL Instructor - Cynthia Schuster

Board of Directors

President - David Esquivel, Acid Products Company, Inc.

Vice President - Colleen Stribling, Elgin Community College

Treasurer - Christine Awe, First Congregational Church of Dundee

Secretary - Jessie Huebner, Northern Illinois University

Board Members at large:

David Im, State Farm

Vikki LaRocco, Substitute Teacher

Marlen Glenn, KCT Credit Union



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ANGELICA
LEARNER

Because of support from donors like you...

- **Leslie** enrolled in college courses.
- **Miriam** reached her goal of becoming a U.S. citizen.
- **Amalia** is able to help her kids with homework.
- **Cynthia** is able to grow her business.
- **Jeanne** built more confidence in English conversation.

And hundreds more stories just like this.

Will you join us?

Contact the office or donate directly through our website listed below.