

About LCYS

Literacy Council York-Simcoe is a volunteer, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to helping adults improve their lives through literacy to:

- increase their opportunities for better employment
- prepare for further education and training
- live more independently in the community

We've been serving Aurora, Bradford West Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and the surrounding area since 1984.

What are People Saying About LCYS?

"Upgrading my skills has really helped me in my job and in my life" *Mike C., student*

"I continue to improve my reading, writing and math skills to get my high school diploma" *Ellen A., student*

"Upgrading employee skills is the most important strategy that companies intend to employ to meet their future labour needs"
Perrin Beatty, President & CEO Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters



Need is Critical

York Region has one of the fastest growing populations in Ontario. An estimated 300,000 adult residents in the region are in need of basic literacy upgrading.

Thank You for Your Support



Literacy Council York-Simcoe is grateful for donations from individuals, local service clubs and businesses. These donations are significant in helping us to continue to improve lives through literacy.

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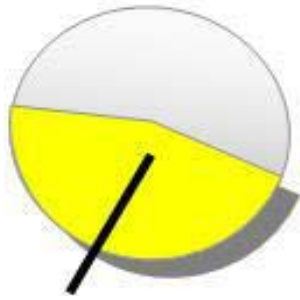
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Improving Lives Through Literacy



Literacy Facts to Consider



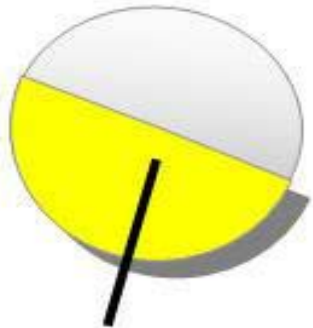
42% of adult Canadians fall below the reading skill level needed to thrive in today's society.*

Adult reading skills

68% of adult Canadians need help to develop the problem-solving skills required in today's workplace.*



Adult problem solving skills



50% of adult Canadians need training to learn the basic math skills they need in order to lead productive lives.*

Adult math skills

*Percentage of working age (16 to 65) Canadians based on the Adult Literacy and Life Skills (ALL) Survey released in 2005 by Statistics Canada and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

How We Can help

LEARN:

Improving literacy and essential skills will increase the chances of success for a better education, a better job and a better life.

Our dedicated staff and volunteer tutors will help you to achieve your goals by providing free, confidential and individualized upgrading opportunities.

We Provide:

- one-to-one tutoring with trained volunteers, small group instruction and computer-assisted learning.
- initial and ongoing assessment to monitor progress
- an individualized training plan
- relevant and up to date training materials
- employment and work readiness upgrading including basic computer skills and soft skills for employment

You qualify for free help with reading, writing and math skills if you are:

- at least 19 years old
- out of school
- determined to develop the literacy skills you need to progress in the workplace, in higher education and in life

Employment Readiness Program:

We provide basic computer training and employment soft skills training to all community members for a small fee.

How You Can Help

VOLUNTEER:

Become a Volunteer Tutor:

If you...

- desire to make a difference in a person's life
- can provide 2 to 4 hours a week of your time

There is no teaching experience required. *Free, comprehensive training is provided by certified trainers.*

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

- Board Member
- Committee Member
- Office or Event Volunteer

DONATE:

- Make a donation to help us to improve lives through literacy.
- Hold a "Live it up for Literacy" event to help us raise funds.

RAISE AWARENESS:

- Invite us to speak to your organization or group and let others know about us.



"It's very rewarding volunteering to help our clients improve their lives."

Derwyn Miller, Volunteer