



EAST CENTRAL AREA
LITERACY
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FUNDRAISING
CLASSROOM TUTORS
STUDENT RECRUITING
VOLUNTEER RECRUITING
COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Support free
local adult
education
for high school
equivalency
and English
language
learning!

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When individuals learn how to read, write, do basic math, and use computers, they can escape poverty, manage health care costs, find and keep living-wage employment, and improve their lives in many more ways.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- **Make a Donation**: Mail your donation to:
ECA Literacy Council • PO Box 1336 • Rolla, MO 65402
- **Serve on the County Committee**: The ECA Literacy Council is managed by volunteers that work on local county committees to assist adult education and literacy programs. Meetings are held monthly via Zoom.
- **Volunteer as a Tutor**: No special academic degrees are required to be a tutor.

THE IMPACT YOU COULD HAVE

Improve Poverty Rates

75% of Americans who receive food stamps perform at the lowest 2 levels of literacy, and 90% of high school dropouts are on welfare.

Lower Healthcare Costs

Nearly half of American adults have difficulty understanding and using health information. Lack of understanding impedes adults' abilities to make appropriate health decisions and increases the chance of incurring higher health costs.

Lower Prison Recidivism

75% of state prison inmates did not complete high school or low literate. Inmates who are educated are 43% less likely to return to prison.

Improve Employment

Individuals at the lowest literacy and numeracy levels have a higher rate of unemployment and earn lower wages than the national average. Low literacy costs the U.S. at least \$225 billion each year in non-productivity.