

# *Welcome*



# Handbook



Bartolo [top] reading a newspaper at Community Literacy Centers in Oklahoma City • Jennifer and her tutor Thomas working at Literacy Link, Midwest City



On the Cover: Learners and tutors representing OIC of Oklahoma County.  
Quotes [facing page] are from learners at the Literacy Council of LeFlore County TANF Initiative.

The Literacy Resource Office of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries would like to thank all learners, tutors, instructors, and programs pictured in this book.

**“Stay positive. Anything you put  
your mind to do, you can do.”**

Mary G.

**“Don’t let fear get in the way of learning.”**

Savannah

**“There is nothing wrong  
with needing a little extra help.”**

Kaylyn

Literacy office phone number

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Tutor’s name

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Tutor’s phone number

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Learners, tutors, and staff representing OIC of Oklahoma County

Welcome to the literacy program.

We are glad you want to read and write better.

You are not alone.





More than 500,000 Oklahoma adults do not have the reading skills they need.

That means one of every five adults needs help.



English language learners at Bartlesville Public Library Literacy Services include Patricia and Margarita [back row], Maria, Miguel, and Zareth [front row]. These learners are from Russia, Honduras, and Mexico.

At the literacy program, you will work with a tutor.

Your tutor is a volunteer who wants to help you learn.



[clockwise from the top] Harold and Jackie read a newspaper at Great Plains Literacy Council in Altus • Mechelle [standing] works with Barbara at the Northwest Oklahoma Literacy Council in Woodward • Phang with his tutor Steven at Literacy Link in Midwest City

Your tutor will listen to you read and help you with words.

A tutor works with one learner at a time or with small groups.

This is a good way to learn.



[from the top] Dorothy tutoring Karen at the Western Oklahoma Learning Center in Elk City  
• English language learners at the Cleveland County Literacy Program in Norman  
• From Cambodia, Kimly and her daughter Soknan, (below center and right) passed the U.S. naturalization test with help from Great Plains Literacy Council tutor Daina.



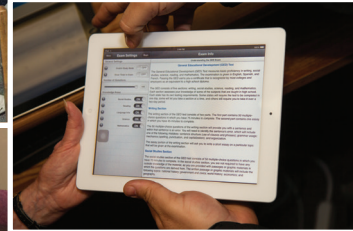
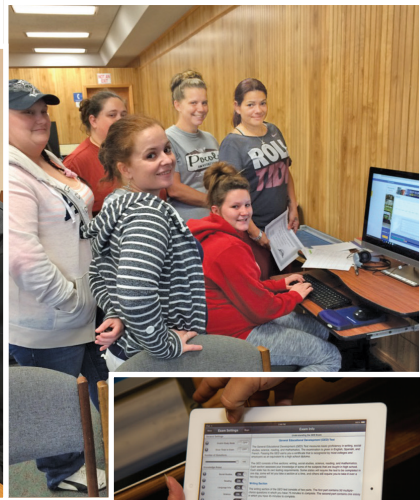


The lessons are free.

You will have books to help you study.

You will practice reading and writing.

You may work on a computer  
or a tablet.



[clockwise from the top] Albert practices writing at the Creek County Literacy Program • The TANF class at Literacy Council of LeFlore County checks out the new computer • A learner uses a tablet to study for the GED at Creek County Literacy Program in Sapulpa • Susan (left) studies math with the help of her tutor MaryAnn at the Ponca City Area Literacy Council

You can bring things you want to read.  
You can bring things you need to read.



Nancy [right] enjoys reading a book with the help of her tutor Kay at the Pottawatomie County Literacy Program in Shawnee



You and your tutor will decide when and where to meet.





Jorge studies at the McClain County Literacy Program in Purcell

Call your tutor if you will be late.

Call your tutor if you cannot meet.



Niki [left] gets help from former adult learner Billy at Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service in Tulsa

Improving your reading can take time.

Go to all of your lessons.

Be on time.

Study at home.

Read as much as you can.



Learning to read can help you  
get a better job,



Jose and Diep, employees at M-D Products in Oklahoma City, participate in literacy classes through Community Literacy Centers

read to your children,



Juliete reads to her children at Western Oklahoma Learning Center in Elk City

and change your life.



New citizens Venus [below in blue] and Nathalie [in brown] with Great Plains Literacy Council in Altus, and Gustavo with Bartlesville Public Library Literacy Service



Maria and tutor Josh using flash cards at Cleveland County Literacy Program, Norman [top above] •  
[right to left] Hilda (Honduras), Kazimir (Russia), Tatiana (Russia), Ernest (Mexico) and Kenya (Mexico) at  
Bartlesville Public Library Literacy Services

We are learning to read.

So can you.





[from the top] Jorge works with his tutor JoAnn at the McClain County Literacy Program in Purcell • Vicky and her tutor Paula, Kieth and his tutor Thomas (left to right) working at Literacy Link, Midwest City • The TANF class at Literacy Council of LeFlore County practices binary code using bean counters

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