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Library offers literacy services to residents

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The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy defines literacy as "using printed and written information to function in society, to achieve one's goals and to develop

one's knowledge and potential."

Did vou know one in six adults in Tulsa County are not able to read? Take a minute to think about how it would feel to not be able to read information on street signs, instructions on how to use a newly purchased item or a magazine article

or book. You wouldn't be able to read your child's report card, a wedding invitation or fill out a job application.

The library's Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service promotes literacy through family literacy outreach and adult basic and English language instruction. More than 3,000 adults have improved their reading skills with the help of this service, and more than 1,300 young readers per year benefit from family literacy education and free books.

You can help fulfill this mission. Are you a kind, caring, flexible and patient person? The Adult Literacy Service depends on volunteers to tutor adults ages 16 and up who wish to improve their reading and writing skills.

You only need a few hours a week to make a huge difference in a perto miss a week here and there for graduations, illness, vacations, etc. However, working one-on-one takes trust and understanding, which take time to develop.

For someone learning to read, having to switch tutors often can be discouraging, even overwhelming. Adult learners need a partner who is willing to stick with them.

•Devote 1 or more hours per week to tutoring. Meeting times and places may be arranged for the convenience of you and your student. Pairs usually meet at a library or other public facility.

•Be 18 years or older and a high

school graduate or GED recipient. •Read and write at an eighth grade level.

•Pass a criminal history background check.

You can sign up now for our next tutor training by registering online. www.tulsalibrary.org/volunteer-teach-someone-read for more information or call the literacy office at (918) 549-7400. Tutors can meet with students at any library location.

This service is free and confidential for students.

The Adult Literacy Service also provides programs for people learning English as a second language. Conversation Circles is a fun and friendly class designed to help students practice their English speak-







eracy tutor. Here's a list of require-

ments:
•Satisfactorily complete our free
10-hour tutor training. Tutors are
required to complete a core 10-hour training to become certified. See the current workshop schedule for more details.

ullet Commit to tutor for a minimum of one year. Yes, you may have

The Student Book Club meet monthly and gives students a chance to meet with other students in the program and read and discuss fun books. Contact the office for more

information.

The Ruth G. Hardman Adult Literacy Service office is located at 2901 S. Harvard. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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