ESL Adult Literacy Library Volunteer

Help make a difference in your community by supporting adults seeking to speak, read and write English. Our ESL initiative is designed to address the diverse needs of our learners by providing a variety of learner-centered programs. As an ESL Tutor, you will have the following opportunities to get involved:

- One-on-one tutoring: Work with an adult learner 1 hour weekly to aid them reach their English learning goals, such as applying for a job, reading with children, or obtaining a certificate. This position requires a 1-year commitment.
- Conversation groups: Help adult English learners practice their conversational skills by providing context-based lessons. This position requires a 6-month commitment.
- Project-based group learning: Aid our literacy staff conducting our collaborative ESL programs. In conjunction with the Family Learning Center, Teen Services and The Studio, these ESL programs aim to help our learners’ English learning goals, as well as develop skills such as sewing, designing, curriculum writing, and gardening.

Qualifications:

- Be 18 years or older.
- Desire to help someone else.
- Comfortable reading, writing, and speaking English. No prior teaching experience needed. Multilingual candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Punctual, friendly, patient, optimistic, and dependable.
- Culturally competent
- Comfortable using computers.

Responsibilities:

- Be Learner centered: help Learners achieve their goals for improving their basic skills in order to support their roles as family members, workers, and community members
- Once matched, contact Learner to arrange initial meeting and to set time and place for future instructional meetings
- Meet a minimum of 1-2 hours per week with Learner
- Prepare for lessons
- Maintain monthly Tutor report log
- Attend scheduled workshops for updates, instruction ideas, and sharing successes and concerns
- Notify Coordinator if for any reason you stop meeting with Learner

**Location:** To be determined by you and your Learner

**Training Provided:** An initial in-person orientation/training at Main Library and Learner specific online training modules. Supplemental materials and workshops available throughout the year. Phone, e-mail, in-person consultation with Adult Literacy Coordinator as needed.

**Hours:** Commitment to work at least 1-2 hours a week for 1 year.

**Application Process:** All volunteers must complete and return the required application and attend an in-person interview which will include a written exam.

**Volunteers:** age 18 and over are required to pass a fingerprint background check available at the police department. Volunteers work at the will of the library and may be released at any time.

**Contact person:** If interested, please contact, the Volunteer Services Librarian by phone at (562) 570-5724 or by email at lbpl_volunteers@lbpl.org.

Volunteer applications are available at:

https://www.longbeach.gov/library/connect/volunteer-opportunities/