



How You Can Help

The number of people in our community who want to learn to read and write far outnumber the number of teachers and tutors presently available. The Concord Literacy Coalition raises awareness and supports efforts to recruit volunteers to take training so they can help individuals and small groups learn English.

The Coalition also helps to coordinate existing efforts and develop new literacy programs, especially in the Monument Community and other low-literacy areas in our Community.

Support Literacy In Concord

DONATE YOUR TIME. Learn to be a tutor. Tutoring classes near you are forming year round.

DONATE YOUR MONEY. Funds are needed for teaching materials and projects that advance literacy in our community.

Each of us can **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in our community! So please get involved.

For more information about the Concord Literacy Coalition please call 925-671-3085; or visit

<http://www.cityofconcord.org/living/education/literacy-directory.htm>

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Mission Statement

The Concord Literacy Coalition promotes literacy awareness and supports literacy efforts in the greater Concord area.

The Coalition is comprised of literacy professionals and non-profits, local residents and volunteers, city leaders and school representatives.

The Coalition's goals are to educate the public about the costs of low literacy in our community and to promote and support existing programs and help develop new efforts that improve literacy.

The High Cost of Low Literacy

The high costs of low literacy in our community are staggering. Low literacy populations have a higher rate of unemployment and typically have higher health care costs. People with low literacy skills cost taxpayers five times that of residents with average literacy skills. Low literacy also has human costs, like not being able to read medical instructions, fill out a job application, understand street signs, read a story or help with a child's homework, or not being able to read a ballot statement before voting.



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Low Literacy In Concord

According to recent census data, 1 out of 5 residents in some parts of Concord have low literacy skills, while pockets of the Monument Community have a non-literacy rate over 35 percent! We need your help!

The Benefits of Literacy

Literacy is a cornerstone of a free and thriving society. Literacy helps children learn and succeed in school. Literacy leads to better jobs and wages that improve security for families, which, in turn, reduces stress and strain on public services.

