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## **The Literacy Council Sees Rise in Volunteer Tutors**

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Due to an overwhelming response by the general public to the call for Volunteer Tutors, The Literacy Council reports a drop in the waiting list of learners waiting to be paired with a tutor for one-on-one instruction.

However, there are still more than 40,000 adults in the Rockford region who read below the 5th grade level and struggle daily with many tasks, and The Literacy Council still has a waiting list of adult learners.

As a result, The Literacy Council has scheduled more workshops to accommodate training for new volunteer tutors. The next free workshop series will begin Tuesday, May 11, from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Literacy Council's office on North Main Street.

In the workshop series, volunteers will learn techniques for teaching reading or English as a Second Language to adults. After attendance at five 3-hour workshop sessions, tutors will then be matched with a learner for one-on-one instruction for two hours each week over a period of one year.

Requirements to become a tutor include: must be over the age of 18, have a high school diploma or GED, possess good communication skills, a caring personality, and a willingness to make and keep a commitment to the learner for one year.

The Literacy Council encourages individuals interested in sharing the joy of reading with an adult to call Stephanie, Literacy Coordinator, at 816.963.READ to sign up for the training, or go to [www.theliteracycouncil.org](http://www.theliteracycouncil.org).

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