



Learning English the ALP Way

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The Adult Literacy Program at the Kennett Library has been offering literacy services to the community for 37 years and has served more than 6500 adult learners. It is the place for speakers of other languages to register to take classes to learn to speak, read, and write in English, and to have the opportunity to be assigned a personal tutor to help in this endeavor. The mission of the program is to provide free English instruction to community adults and to improve the literacy of the educationally disadvantaged to levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job, in the family, and in society.



Teacher Spencer Gates prepares his Level 3 English as a second language class to do a speaking and writing activity.



Two students use laptops to work on listening and reading comprehension skills during their English language learning computer lab on Tuesday afternoons in the ALP office.

English as a Second Language classes are offered from September to May during the day and also in the evening. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, classes are held at the Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square from 9:00 until 11:30 A.M. Evening classes are at the Kennett High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 until 8:30 P.M. Students may also attend a computer English language lab on Tuesdays from 1:00 until 3:00 P.M. in the Literacy office at the library.

for each student to also receive a tutor with whom he may work weekly to help him hone his English skills. Tutors are community volunteers who are trained to work one-on-one with students to better help them to succeed with the rigors of the English language. They are trained by the Adult Literacy Program director, Filomena Elliott, and are given appropriate educational materials to use with their student.

No foreign language ability is required, no teaching experience is necessary, and the hours for tutoring are flexible and are set by the tutor and student. We are always welcoming new volunteer tutors, as we have a long waiting list of students. If you would like to assist in this rewarding experience, please call the Adult



Teacher Kristy Ibarra helps a group of students in Level 2 English class to navigate through some tricky English grammar.



A group of students practice their English skills using computers in the ALP office.

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