

Education opportunity

Michael Gesese

Literacy Green Bay Today

Do you, or anyone you know seeking an opportunity to learn the English language? English is one of the hardest languages in the world to learn and you shouldn't have to struggle alone.

Literacy Green Bay is looking for students of any age that need assistance with the English language. The organization was originally created to assist immigrants that were traveling to the United States of America from Vietnam.

Literacy Green Bay has helped many immigrants obtain their high school diploma, master the English language, and pursue their ideal life in America. The opportunity is available for anyone looking to enhance their comprehension of the English language. The organization provides many different opportunities for the various needs of their students. Some of the opportunities that are available at Literacy are adult Tutoring, Family Literacy GED Class, Work Force, and Computer Lab.

Adult tutoring is available for any individual over the age of 15 years old who seeks to improve their reading, writing, math, and/or English Language skills. Adults who are in need of basic education or English Language Learners (ELL) students should strongly consider Literacy Green Bay. Students looking for basic education can contact the office to register over the phone by calling our number at 920-435-2474. The Program Manager-ELL Classes will evaluate everyone to see what level of class to place the student. Lastly, all students will be interviewed and will be assessed officially by the placement test that will be given to all learners. Upon the interview and

the placement test conclusion, most of the learners will be waiting roughly 3-4 months prior to being put with a tutor. The cost to register and the cost for books is a total of \$25, students are provided with financial assistance as well.

"My experience in the Family Literacy program has been great! When I started, I had a lot of mixed feelings -- I was nervous and unsure about going back to school as an adult. But then I was greeted by my teacher, who made me feel welcome and told me from the very first day I could do anything I set my mind to! Working in this program alongside my children has been a blessing; my youngest daughter loves 'coming to school' with mom!" - Korean H. Family Literacy GED Class is a program that will put the family first, this program is intended for learners that have children. The Children First Family Literacy Program, as it says in the name is a program that is looking to educate the entire family. The implication is to emphasize the importance of education to the entire family instead of just one person from the family. For example, let's say a parent signs up for basic education or ELL, the children will also have a chance to be educated. Of course, it will be a different level of education, but the point is that the children are also getting some form of education.

The Workforce Development Program was initiated in the year 2000. Literacy Green Bay creates the courses for the students in this program depending on the specification of the company that the learners work for. The company will tell Literacy the needs of their employees and Literacy will customize the classes accordingly. The courses could be basic English classes, computer skills training, and company-specified basic skills classes. Literacy also provides short-term

skills, such as how to complete company paperwork and completing insurance forms. Roy Hallet oversees Literacy Green Bay's workforce program, contact him at 920-435-2474 for more information. Students are encouraged to attend the computer lab because they will learn many useful skills. In this program, learners will be taught basic keyboard skills, basic English comprehension, and the overall use of the computer. Computers are a great way to learn basic English because students can access basic games that will teach them basic English. Keyboard skills are the focus of the computer lab skills session because the keyboard will help learners understand the alphabet. The computer labs are only open 2 days a week (Monday & Tuesday). The computer lab is open from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on both days (Monday & Tuesday). Although the lab is only officially open on Monday & Tuesday during the listed time, learners who want to use the lab outside of this time or day can simply ask a staff member to open the lab. Contact Laurie at 920-435-2474 with any further questions regarding the use and schedule of the computer lab.

Literacy Green Bay is a non-profit organization in downtown Green Bay. The organization originated in the 1990s to assist immigrants from all over the world, but specifically at the time it was targeting immigrants from Vietnam. Literacy has been a great addition to the community of Green Bay as it aids many community members in many ways. The organization is waiting for your call, don't hesitate to reach out if you think they can provide the help that you seek.