

Memphis Literacy Council

Description

The Memphis Literacy Council is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to helping people attain literacy skills so that they might be confident, self-sufficient, productive members of our community. We promote the concept of lifelong learning by offering programs for adults who want to improve their reading and writing abilities. We train volunteers to tutor basic literacy students either one on one or in a classroom setting. We have two programs: the Adult Literacy Program and the Family Literacy program. In an effort to make our services more available to the population we serve, we began to take our adult program out into the community in 2008. We have developed an Adult Education Collaborative so that we can offer basic literacy classes, pre-GED and GED classes at sites throughout the community. Currently we have programs at the BentTree apartment community and the Hollywood Library. We are working with AdVance Memphis and Renaissance Head Start to have programs at those two sites.

Potential Projects

- Work closely with adult program staff
- Be trained to become literacy tutor
- Act as a liaison with particular site(s) to
 - support onsite tutor
 - work with site coordinator to resolve problems/issues that might arise
- Substitute for the tutor occasionally

Time Commitment

Hours will vary but in all cases will be less than 13 per week

Skills Needed

- An ability to work with diverse groups of people
- Knowledge of software programs and their applications
- Good organizational skills

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