

## How Can I Help?

- q Become a **volunteer tutor** with the Adult Program and help an adult improve their literacy skills
- q Become a **Book Recycling Volunteer**, and help: distribute free books throughout the state (and beyond), assist in the bookstore or help with a book drive.
- q Become a **volunteer Board Member, or assistant to the Board of Directors** and help with special projects such as fundraising events and banquets.
- q Contribute Financially to the agency:
  - \_\_\_ \$100 will test a student, train a tutor and match a student/tutor pair.
  - \_\_\_ \$500 will support a student/tutor pair for a year.
  - \_\_\_ \$1,000 will fully sponsor a BizBee team in LCA's corporate spelling bee held each February.
  - \_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ Your contribution at any level is greatly appreciated.

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**Literacy Council of Alaska**

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## Mission Statement...

The Literacy Council of Alaska is a private, nonprofit educational agency. Since its inception in 1973, the mission has remained the same - **to promote literacy for people of all ages in the Fairbanks community.**

Funding is received from state and federal grants, the United Way, corporate grants and individual donations.

All services provided by the Literacy Council of Alaska are free to the public.

The Literacy Council of Alaska does not discriminate on the basis of sex, religion, race, color, national origin, disability or age.

**A United Way Member Agency and Accredited affiliate of ProLiteracy America.**



# LITERACY

## COUNCIL of ALASKA

*Changing lives  
through literacy*



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## History...

The Literacy Council of Alaska (LCA) has provided literacy instruction to adults and children in Fairbanks for over 25 years.

During the first year in 1973, nine students received instruction (tutoring) from twelve community volunteers.

Today, LCA's programs rely almost entirely on volunteers. Each year, approximately 350 to 400 volunteers tutor either adults or children.

In the past year, LCA promoted literacy-based services for over 1,100 adults and children in the Fairbanks area.

## Who Benefits...

Our students come from a variety of backgrounds and needs. English language skills are one of the most important needs. Some additional need are support while studying for their GED and the improvement of reading, writing, math and communication skills. Here are some examples:

*Karen* is having trouble reading work-related materials. She meets her tutor once a week to practice reading skills.

*Marco* only works at entry-level positions because he can not speak English well. His tutor has noticed a lot of improvement since they began meeting two months ago.

*Jane* would like to get her GED so that she can be a positive role model for her three children. *Jane* attends Even Start GED classes while her two youngest children attend the preschool.

## About Our Programs...

**Adult Literacy Program** - recruits, trains and supports volunteers to tutor adults in reading, writing, math, English as a Second Language, and computer skills. This program helps 250 to 300 adults each year.

**Cross-Age Tutoring Program** – During the summer, teens are recruited to tutor grade school children in math, English, writing and reading through the Cross-Age Tutoring program. Over 250 children each year are served through the school-age programs.



**Family Literacy Program** – through a federally funded Even Start grant, provides side-by-side adult literacy classes and early childhood education. While parents receive instruction in English or GED topics, their children receive quality preschool instruction. The program also includes interactive literacy activities and parenting education and support.

**Computer Literacy Program** – provides classes in basic computer skills and is a Microsoft Authorized Refurbishing agency. What that means is we receive used computers, refurbish them and place them back into the community. If you have a computer that has a Pentium 3 processor or greater please give us call.

## Special Events...

**BizBee** – is held each February and sponsored by the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. The BizBee is LCA's largest yearly fund-raiser. Many local businesses and organizations enter and sponsor teams of three spellers that compete in a spelling bee. In addition LCA has a silent auction during the event with items donated by those in the community supporting literacy. One of the highlights of the BizBee is the yearly Raffle where 2 round trip tickets donated by Alaska Airlines and \$500.00 cash are the prizes.

**Great Cover-Up** – This fund-raiser was created by UAF. Each March, a “cover” concert is held on the UAF concert with local bands playing the songs and imitating the style of a well-known band. All proceeds benefit LCA.

**The Golden Mile** – A Golden Days event, the Golden Mile is a running race that follows the course of the Golden Days Parade and immediately precedes the parade. This event is cosponsored by Alyeska, Running Club North, and Road Runners Club of America.

**LCA Book Drive** – This is an annual event that takes place in March. The book drive collects thousands of books each year that are placed back into the community through our Book Recycling Program. To find the location of the drop boxes tune into 101.1FM Clear Channel, Fairbanks or contact LCA.

**Kids' Day at the Fair** – Sponsored by Fort Knox Gold Mine, children 12 and under can get into the Fair free with the donation of 2 children's books to LCA. This event supports our Book Recycling program.