

# 1 in 5 adults can not read at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level



You can help support adult literacy in Berkeley:

- Become a literacy tutor or volunteer in other service capacities.
- Volunteer for Family Literacy Outreach by conducting a storytime at a selected local agency which serves children under the age of five and their parents.
- Help publicize, post or distribute **Berkeley READS** information and literature at local retail, business, church, school, community service sites.
- Make a tax-deductible donation that **Berkeley READS** will use toward program operations.

*A glad you are trying to  
help me, because I'm a student  
and am reading & learning  
and you know you can do it  
But with your help I can do it better.  
Thank you to you for your help.*

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# What is **Berkeley READS?**

**Berkeley READS** provides free confidential tutoring and literacy support services for adults age 16 years and older who want to improve their reading and writing skills. Trained volunteers are matched one-on-one with eligible students who are at 8<sup>th</sup> grade or below in reading level.

Our services include:

## **One-On-One Tutoring**

Students are matched with volunteer tutors who meet with them once or twice a week at mutually convenient times and locations. Free instructional materials are provided.



## **Small Group Instruction**

Offered as a tutoring supplement, students can receive focused instruction on specific literacy skills depending on the group topic.

## **English Literacy Instruction**

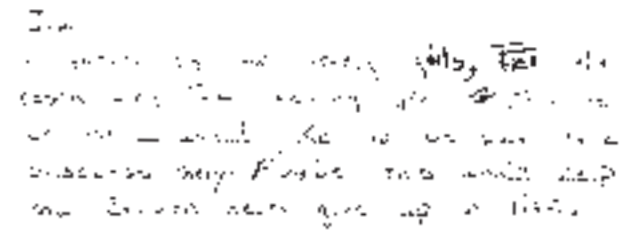
Immigrant students are provided with English Literacy Instruction through the development of reading/writing and life skills.

## **Drop-In/Outreach Tutoring**

Individualized tutoring is offered based on a drop-in schedule for those students who are waiting to be matched with an available tutor; off-site tutoring is provided at designated local social/human service agencies which serve clients who also seek literacy assistance.

## **Computer Lab**

Students have use of a fully-equipped computer lab which includes instructional software and individualized tutoring to help improve both literacy and basic computer skills.



## **Families For Literacy**

Literacy students with children under the age of five are offered monthly storytimes, free children's books, special events, and parent literacy workshops. This outreach service is conducted at community sites which serve disadvantaged families.



## **Volunteer Tutor Training**

Tutor Trainings are offered four times a year for volunteers (18 years and older and have a HS diploma) who seek to assist a student in developing literacy skills. Prior teaching experience is not necessary; we recruit volunteers who possess an open mind, flexibility, patience and a “go-with-the-flow” attitude!