

Who we are

The READ Center is a community-based nonprofit organization that provides educational programs to adults with low-level reading and communication skills. **READ has been changing lives for more than 33 years.**



Why we do it

Imagine trying to get a driver's license, apply to a job online, or help your child with homework when you struggle with reading. Low literacy traps families in a cycle of poverty that is hard to break. **We believe everyone needs and deserves a literate life.**

"I volunteer because reading has been a blessing in my life, and I enjoy sharing my passion with others who hope to feel the same comfort and joy with books. Volunteers feel that we receive more than we give."

— Diane C.
Tutor



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Adult Literacy Classes & Tutoring

Serving Richmond, Henrico, and
Chesterfield



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What we do



SMALL CLASSROOMS

Our small classes cover the components of

reading, writing, everyday math, and digital learning. Classroom tutors assist students with lessons and their personal learning goals.

ONE-TO-ONE TUTORING



Tutors are paired with students after training and classroom observation have occurred. We provide eight hours of training for volunteers who wish to help by tutoring adults with low-literacy skills.

HEALTH LITERACY

Adults with low-literacy levels are often challenged by navigating the health system and understanding personal health strategies. Students learn about key health topics while practicing their reading and writing skills.



Get involved

- **Volunteer** your time as a tutor.
- **Donate.** READ's services are free for students.
- **Refer someone** who might need our help.

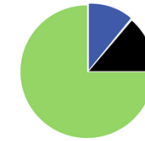
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“The READ Center has helped me pronounce words and to seek out other words that I might not have tried to use. I thank the tutors for their patience and willingness to help with a glad heart. It means a lot to me, being a student.”

— **B.F.**
Student

By the numbers



72% of READ students read at or below a 3rd grade level



5,000+ volunteer hours given annually



10% of the local population* lacks basic reading skills

READ serves about 200 students in classrooms and through tutoring.

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