



# Riverside County Library System

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## **RIVERSIDE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM LITERACY SERVICES SUPPORTS ADULT LEARNING FROM HOME WITH FREE COMMUNITY CLASSES**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA** (December 21, 2020) – Many Riverside County residents' ability (approximately 32%) to use or comprehend print material is considered “at-risk” according to a recent study by the [Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies](#) (PIAAC). This skill deficit can impact one's ability to read with their children, pass a driver's test, apply for jobs online and so many other day-to-day activities. To address these gaps, we need the help of our community to bring awareness and refer learners to our programs and services.

Riverside County Library System (RCLS) Literacy Services is a uniquely situated program that helps address the adult literacy gap with free community classes and one-on-one tutoring available to all Riverside County residents at their local library branch. During the time of COVID-19, literacy services and programs have been converted to the online format using a combination of the video conferencing apps, Zoom and Jitsi. Due to challenges with digital access, RCLS Literacy Services is now also offering digital resources, such as Chromebooks and tablets, for checkout by enrolled adult learners to help bridge the digital divide exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

RCLS Literacy Services has supported learners in one-on-one reading/writing tutoring, English Conversation Clubs, Citizenship preparation classes and other educational support services and workshops. In January 2021, RCLS Literacy Services will be offering these same sessions with a few great new additions, such as “How to Stay Healthy” instructed by a retired local physician. Each of our sessions' topics have been identified as a need by the RCLS community of learners and are created to specifically address learners' needs and aspirations.

Our Riverside County adult community members—such as those who need to pass their U.S. citizenship test, a test to promote or transfer at work or communicating with their child's teacher—need a helpful place to go for literacy support for day-to-day challenges. Riverside County Library System Literacy Services is here to offer these exact support services for the Riverside County adult community to continue to improve literacy across the county. The [Spring 2021 Literacy Class Schedule](#) lists the full schedule of classes and registration information. We are also always accepting learners for our one-on-one tutoring service. Help someone enroll in one of our sessions today for a more word-filled tomorrow.

The Riverside County Library System is a division of the Riverside County Business and Community Services. For more information, please contact the Riverside County Library



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