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Dear Friends,

As we begin a new fiscal year at Adrian Rea Literacy Center, I want to thank you for making another successful year possible. With the help of more than 50 dedicated volunteer tutors, we served over 80 adult learners through one-on-one tutoring, ESL classes, and other educational opportunities. Together, we continue to build not only literacy skills, but also confidence, independence, and community.

This past year, we expanded our programming by adding two ongoing ESL classes, organizing educational field trips to connect learners with community resources, and launching our first-ever book club. We are excited to build on that momentum by introducing a new Digital Literacy Program this fall and expanding our class offerings. We are also proud to become a Charter Member of the National Adult Honor Society and look forward to recognizing our first group of inductees this October.

This fall also brings a bittersweet change as we celebrate the retirement of two beloved members of the ARLC staff —Doris DeNudt and Sr. Joanne McCauley. We are grateful for their many years of dedicated service will celebrate their next chapters at our Family Picnic on September 13.

As our programs grow, so does our need for volunteers and financial support. Whether you choose to give your time, make a financial contribution, or simply share our mission with others, your support changes lives. Your gift makes a huge impact to our learners.

- **\$25** sponsors one learner's induction into the National Adult Honor Society
- **\$50** can provide one level of curriculum for one learner
- **\$100** can provide a full year of curriculum for one learner
- **\$500** helps support our new Digital Literacy Program

Thank you for believing in the power of literacy and for being part of the Adrian Rea Literacy Center community.

With gratitude,

Rhea Staniszewski



BY THE NUMBERS JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026

53 Tutors

70 Learners received
1:1 tutoring

19

Learners attended weekly ESL
classes

2339

Total Volunteer/Tutoring
hours

New Tutor/Learner Connections



Peter & Erick



Maria & Mary



Sr. Carol & Maria



Kristina & Sergio



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Rosalina & Ana



Ivette and Jackie



Dayana & Abby



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Oscar & Ron



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Doreen & Luis



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Maria & Ashley



Janeth & Trish



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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER



2025-2026 Volunteer Tutors

Miguel Avila	Kathy Graham	Elaine Monahan
Peter Barr	Carol Gross, O.P.	Cheryl Neuroth
Linda Blohm	Elizabeth Guerrero	Peg O'Flynn, O.P.
Ryan Callahan	Barbara Hart	Paula Patteuw
Ashley Cavazos-Franck	Jeanne Hisson	Victoria Powell
Doreen Chang	Kathy Illenden	Joel Rodriguez
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Jackie Dominguez	Joyce Kontyko	Sharon Spanbauer, O.P.
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JoAnn Fleischaker, O.P.	Stan Lewis	Mary Thompson
Elizabeth Fomin	Michael Lucia	Colleen Vallo
Abby Gillingham	Carolyn Marr	Heather Van Daele
Mary Glidden	Joanne McCauley, O.P.	Elaine Webb
Barbara Gordon	Ana Millan	Mary Weeber



This May, we honored our volunteer tutors at our annual Volunteer Banquet. This year's theme was "Our Volunteers Are Golden." Thank you to ARLC's many volunteers for your continued commitment to our learners. You are the heart of this organization, and the difference you make is invaluable.

Tutors received prizes provided by the Board of Directors and staff, and heard from two learners who shared how ARLC has impacted their lives. Learner Anthony spoke about the increase in his English conversation skills. He was an eloquent and articulate presenter. Anthony shared that a year ago, he would never have believed he could speak in front of a room full of people. Thank you to Anthony for telling his story, and to his tutor, Elizabeth, for all of her hard work.

Learner Susan, a recent graduate of ARLC's programs, also spoke and shared about her journey as an adult with dyslexia. Through years of study at ARLC with her tutor Sr. Joanne, she improved her reading by six grade levels. Congratulations, Susan!

Thank you again to our tutors for creating a welcoming, caring environment for the adults that seek our services.



ARLC SPELLING BEE FUNDRAISER



Speaker Juana Aguinaga with her tutor, Laurie Church; 1st Place Spelling Bee Champions: "The Queen Bees" mother-daughter duo Elaine Webb and Jennifer Hunter; and ARLC Executive Director Rhea Staniszewski



Adrian Armory, April 16, 2026 — Site of ARLC's first Adult Spelling Bee fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Adrian Rea Literacy Center's 1st Annual Adult Spelling Bee on April 16, 2026! More than 100 guests came together for an evening of friendly competition, delicious food, raffle prizes, and inspiring stories that reminded us why adult literacy matters. Together, we raised critical funds to support one-on-one tutoring, ESL classes, and life-changing opportunities for adult learners.

One of the evening's highlights was hearing from ARLC learner Juana and her tutor, Laurie, who shared their journey together. Guests celebrated Juana's many accomplishments, including earning promotions at work and purchasing her first home last fall. Their story was a powerful reminder that literacy opens doors to confidence, independence, and new possibilities. To hear more inspiring stories from learner-tutor pairs featured at the Spelling Bee, visit our homepage at www.adrianrealiteracy.org.

We are especially grateful to our event sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who attended. Launching a new event is always a leap of faith, but your generosity and encouragement made our first Adult Spelling Bee an incredible success. Thank you for believing in our learners and investing in a more literate Lenawee County. We can't wait to see you next year!

Spelling Bee Sponsors

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POLLEN PATRONS



John
MacNaughton,
In Honor
of Sr. Carleen
Maly



Renee Villegas,
ARLC Board
Member



Leadership Lenawee



ARLC ED Rhea Staniszewski and Board Members Kade Doyle and Rosie Vazquez recently completed the 9-month Leadership Lenawee leadership development program through the Greater Lenawee Chamber of Commerce.

Story Path at Adrian's Island Park



ARLC is proud to now maintain the Story Path at Island Park. Families can enjoy a walk through the park while reading a story together at 18 stations along the trail.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR

Are you:

- ♥ FRIENDLY
- ♥ COMPASSIONATE
- ♥ WANTING TO HELP SOMEONE IMPROVE THEIR LIFE?

We are seeking volunteer tutors who are able to make a 1-year commitment to meet with an adult learner 1.5 hrs per week. We train you on our easy-to-use curriculum.

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Learners enjoyed visiting the Adrian Fire Department and Adrian District Library to learn more about community resources.



Donors & Grants



July 2025 – June 2026

We are grateful for the generous support that makes free adult literacy services possible.

General Donations

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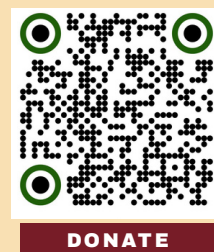
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the reading, writing, and English skills that open
doors to work, connection, and confidence.

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sign up!*



Upcoming Events



MUSGROVE & CO. ADRIAN LITERACY POP-UP

Saturday, Sept. 12



FALL PICNIC

Sunday, Sept. 13 • Tutor/Learner Potluck – Sr. Joanne & Doris retirement celebration



NATIONAL ADULT HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

Monday, Oct. 5 • Align Center for Workforce Development, Adrian

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