

The Literacy Line



Spring 2025

The Literacy Line is a newsletter for both the tutors and students of the Palm Beach County Library System's *Adult Literacy Project* and *Library Literacy Friends*.

Congratulations and thank you to Kim Doyle!

2024 Winner of Florida Library Association's

Friends, Foundations, and Boards Outstanding Member

Kimberly Doyle

President,
Library Literacy Friends

Kimberly Doyle's extensive educational knowledge, teaching abilities, and dedication to the Palm Beach County Library's Adult Literacy Project make her indispensable to the Library Literacy Friends and the Palm Beach County Library System.



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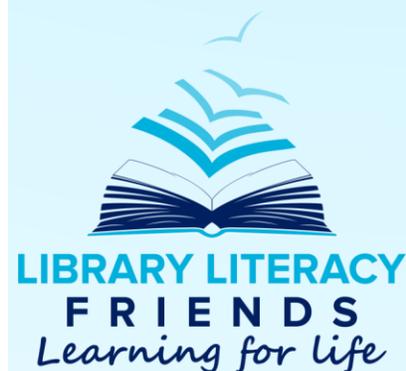


Literacy Family Movie Night!

Thank you to **The Mortgage Firm** for sponsoring our Adult Literacy Night on April 19th where attendees enjoyed pizza and other snacks while watching Disney's *Encanto*.



Thank you



Lake Worth Playhouse welcomes all tutors and students!



Save the date for the upcoming performance:

April 10, 2025 *The Producers*



A musical comedy of two theatrical producers who scheme to get rich by overselling interests in a Broadway musical designed to fail.

Tutors, students, and their guests recently enjoyed:



The Prom **October 3, 2024**

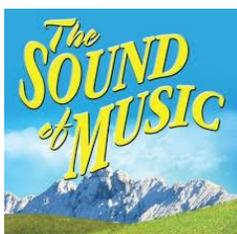
The musical tells the story of an Indiana high schooler barred from bringing her girlfriend to the prom—and the down-on-their-luck Broadway stars who shake up a small Indiana town as they rally behind the teen in a misguided attempt to fight the injustice.

November 14, 2024

Brighton Beach Memoirs



Set in Brooklyn, New York, this comedy tells the story of a large Polish-Jewish family living in one household in 1937. The events are told through Eugene's honest, sarcastic "memoirs" and follow the Jerome family through a financial crisis, health concerns and a search for identity.



January 16, 2025 *The Sound of Music*

A heartwarming musical based on the real-life story of Austria's Von Trapp Family singers in the era immediately preceding World War II.

Career Goal Awards

Students who meet certain criteria and complete goals such as US. Citizenship, Occupational Licenses, Professional Certifications and GED diplomas may apply for the Library Literacy Friends Career Goal Award. Please ask your tutor for details.



**Congratulations
New U.S. Citizens!**

Congratulations to the following students who became citizens since our last newsletter:

Elvin M., Wilfred S., Nilsa B., Julie R., and Alejandro

And thank you to their tutors for all the work and support they provided!!!

Citizen Study Groups

Best of luck to the students who completed our inaugural ten-week citizenship study groups at the West Boynton and Jupiter libraries and to the students currently completing their study groups at Main and Jupiter libraries.

Whether you are new to the country or looking to naturalize, please register online for one of our upcoming ten-week citizenship study groups at:

Wednesdays

April 2 – June 4

2pm – 4pm

Canyon Library

8915 Senator Joseph Abruzzo Ln
Boynton Beach 561.903.3700

Thursdays

April 3 – June 5

2:30pm – 4:30pm

Acreage Library

15801 Orange Blvd
Loxahatchee 561.681.4100

Online registration begins March 20th:

A big **thank you** to our facilitators for all their hard work and dedication in presenting these classes!



Attention All Students and Tutors!
Recognize outstanding achievement or effort in literacy.

Email Dawn or Marianne at literacy@pbclibrary.org.



Please note: Marianne has moved to the Main Library on Summit Blvd. in West Palm Beach and joins Dawn at the Hagen Ranch location as needed. Tutors and students, please call to make an appointment before coming to either location to meet with Marianne or Dawn. Phone: 561-894-7510.

April is Financial Literacy Month

Join us for a month of Financial Literacy classes.

Intended for English Language Learners who have a basic knowledge of English. Topics will include – scams, budgeting, credit cards, loans and more. All supplies provided.

Call The Adult Literacy Project for more information: 561.894.7510



Thursdays

April 3rd - May 8th
2pm to 4pm

Hagen Ranch Road Library

14350 Hagen Ranch Rd,
Delray Beach
561.894.7500

Wednesdays

April 2nd - April 30th
6pm to 7pm

Main Library

3650 Summit Blvd,
West Palm Beach
561.233.2600

Tutor Training and Development

All tutors are invited to attend Tutor Roundtable sessions, organized by the Adult Literacy Project staff. The Tutor Roundtables provide tutors an opportunity to share their tutoring experiences with each other, ask questions, and provide practical advice and tips, as well as the opportunity to review new material.

Recent Tutor Roundtables included;

"The Power of Play" facilitated by Ken Seiter.

Ken shared ideas and examples of games to incorporate into our tutor sessions to make learning fun and engaging.

"Building Foundations" was an online webinar held in January

Save the Dates and contact

Dawn Frascella for information for the next Tutor Roundtables.

April 5, 2025 Reading Comprehension Tips

May 10, 2025 Volunteer Tutor Panel to share ideas and practices





Adult Essay Event

Congratulations to

Wilguens D., Christophe F., Adeline B., Marijose C., and Diego U.!

Thank you for participating in the *Adult Essay Event* cosponsored by the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition and the Palm Beach County School District's Adult and Community Education program

***“Writing is a process, a journey into memory and the soul.”
— Isabel Allende***

ESTRELLA, THE BRIGHTEST LIGHT...

A fictional story by Mirna Linares H.

In the shadows of a spring night, our son had to leave his country, the land where he was born.

Only two people accompanied him that night: Alma, his life partner, and Estrella, his little 6 year-old daughter, our only granddaughter, a great reason for our existence.

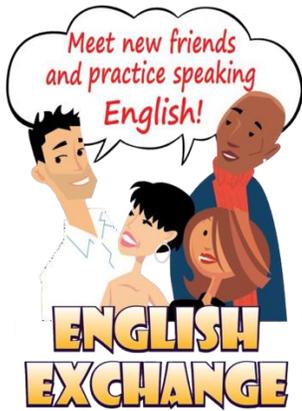
Estrella ("Star") was just like her name, a star in our lives. Ballet was her passion from a very young age. She was our light, our joy, our favorite ballet dancer.

Estrella filled all our spaces. Her light and joy illuminated our lives. We felt that the sadness that her departure left in us was going to be with us to the end of our lives.

Ten years later, the Providence gifted us with a miracle! One autumn afternoon my wife and I accepted an invitation from some friends to a ballet performance at the city's main theater.

A curtain, as dark as the night, opened and showed a sky full of lights, a starry sky. A lot of girls were the stars of that night, but among them there was one whose light stood out in that sky. The shine captured our attention. She danced with grace, glamour and elegance. SHE WAS OUR ESTRELLA! The most beautiful gift we could have received that night, our great and long-awaited surprise.

Our main protagonist had returned to her homeland transformed into a great dancer. She returned to fill us again with her light and joy, which would accompany us until the end of our lives.



Join us for an informal virtual or on-site **English Exchange** group. Sessions are offered weekly at different library locations in the county. All are welcome to come to practice English in a safe environment, free from judgement. Intermediate knowledge of English is recommended but not required.

Search for English Exchange locations near you. <https://shorturl.at/ryMXQ>

Come for conversation and friendship.

It's a party each week!



West Boynton Branch Library

Gardens Branch Library



We are in discussions to plan a **Small Business Expo** for our English Language Learning students who have their own business and would like to practice their English skills in a public setting with support. For more information or have your name added to the Interested List, please email the Adult Literacy Project at literacy@pbclibrary.org.

Attention Adult Literacy Project Tutors:

Please watch for the end of the month email from Marianne. It contains the link to the Google Form to submit your hours. Ignore the email account at the top of the form, fill out the required information and click SUBMIT. You will receive a message that your response has been recorded. Please read the entire email. There is often additional information included such as upcoming events, closings and general reminders. We do not want to fill up your inbox! You are welcome to fill up ours though. We love hearing from you!

Thank you!

We appreciate your time!

Thank you!

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Flexible scheduling during Library hours. Instruction materials provided.

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Call the Literacy Office for more information

561.894.7510

We appreciate you!

Adult Literacy Project currently manages 165 active tutor/student teams. There are approximately 38 students awaiting tutors.



Ideas for Our Next Newsletter? Email Dawn or Marianne at literacy@pbclibrary.org



Library Literacy Friends, Inc. is an organization comprised of volunteers, students, and other concerned community members who recognize the basic literacy needs of adults in our community. We are committed to support, promote, and expand the presence and effectiveness of the Palm Beach County Library's Adult Literacy Project in providing one-on-one tutoring for adult learners. We are supported entirely by our friends and members.

Please print and complete this coupon to make a tax-deductible donation.

Donations should be made out to **Library Literacy Friends, Inc.**

Date: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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Mail or drop off donations to: Library Literacy Friends, Inc. Hagen Ranch Road Library
4350 Hagen Ranch Road Delray Beach, FL 33446