

Literacy Resource List

Yolo Reads
Yolo County Library



The Literacy Resource List describes the items available to tutors and learners through the Yolo County Library and online. Items may be available at library branches through the circulating collection (found in the catalog) and/or through Yolo Reads. If you have any difficulty locating an item, please contact Yolo Reads for assistance.

The library has a multitude of items, not outlined in this resource list, which may be helpful for tutoring purposes. These items include newspapers, magazines, cookbooks, atlases, comic books, plays, poetry, dictionaries and encyclopedias.

Tutors and learners are encouraged to use items which learners come into contact with everyday or which are of particular interest to learners. Using items such as bus schedules, applications, flyers, and maps help learners to deal with daily literacy challenges. Learners are encouraged to identify these items in their daily lives and bring them to tutoring sessions.

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Citizenship

Civics & Literacy Student Book (Low Beginning). New Readers Press.

The workbook provides learners with information needed to pass the Civics and Literacy test. Presented in a visual format with language that is easily accessible (192 pages). Available at Yolo Reads. The **Civics and Literacy** CD is also available through Yolo Reads, but must be checked out by the learner or tutor.

Ready for the Interview Student Book (High-Beginning-Intermediate). New Readers Press

Students learn how to answer questions about information on the N-400 application. They will be prepared for different types of interview situations and different types of questions. (126 pages) Available at Yolo Reads.

The **Ready for the Interview Student Book** CD is also available through Yolo Reads, but must be checked out by the learner. The audio CD includes exercises to check understanding and sample interview segments. Also included are questions that can be used to practice answering with personal information.

Citizenship Teacher's Guide (for use with **Civics and Literacy & Ready for the Interview Student Book**)

This is a complete teacher resource for the *Citizenship: Passing the Test* program and included guidelines and teaching suggestions. (48 pages)

Civic Flash Cards, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Designed to help immigrants prepare for the naturalization exam, 96 3x5-in. flash cards ask and answer questions about the government and history of the United States. Available at Yolo Reads.

Citizenship Resources List

The Citizenship Resources List includes library and online resources to help prepare for the citizenship test. Resources include the Learning Express database, library materials and online resources available through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website. The list is available from Yolo Reads.

Computers

Basic Computer Skills

The curriculum developed by the adult education teachers of the St. Paul Community Literacy Consortium include very basic computer skills

<http://spclc.themlc.org/curriculum>

Computer Learning Resource List

The Computer Learning Resource list includes resources for learning basic computer skills, using computer software, using the internet, and finding in-person and online computer skills classes. The list is available at the Yolo County Library homepage (www.yolocountylibrary.org) under the heading "Featured Information" or through Yolo Reads.

Computer Literacy Manual

Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey has a basic computer literacy manual called Log On and Learn, which can be found at <http://lvnj.org/content/log-and-learn>. The manual has many pictures, which will help lower level readers

Computer tutorials (level 4+)

Computer tutorials on topics including Facebook, Internet Explorer, Internet Safety and Internet Safety for Kids can be found at <http://www.gcflearnfree.org/computer/>.

Computer Skills

Computer Literacy Link: <http://lvnj.org/content/log-and-learn>

Here is a great resource for teaching computer skills. There are materials as well as activities that you can have students complete.

Keyboards

Yolo Reads has several keyboards (and 2 mice) which learners can use to practice their typing skills. Contact Yolo Reads staff to borrow one.

Typing Web at www.typingweb.com

Learn to type for free. Thanks to Mary and Faustin for sharing this site!

WebQuest

A staff member of READ/San Diego developed WebQuest to help adult learners become more familiar with the internet. The WebQuest website is written at a third grade level and includes three topics: health literacy, workplace literacy and family literacy. Visit the website at <http://literacyworks.org/sdwebquest/>. Copies of the WebQuest Tutor/Teacher Guide are available at Yolo Reads.

Wikipedia

Simple English Wikipedia at http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

This user-contributed online encyclopedia is intended for people whose first language is not English. Search Wikipedia to learn more about topics of interest. Thanks to Nicholas for sharing this resource.

Dictionary

New Readers Press Dictionary (level 3-6).

The dictionary is a basic reference for more than 5,000 everyday American English words to help students understand primary common meanings and usage. A usage diagram at the beginning of the book shows how to use the dictionary. Also included are information on weights and measures, irregular verbs, numbers including fractions, states and capitals, and more. Available at Yolo Reads.

Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary at <http://www.merriam-webster.com/>
In addition to definitions, Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary provides audio pronunciation for learners who want to hear how to pronounce a word.

The Oxford Picture Dictionary, English/Spanish. Oxford University Press (1998). Donated by the Winters Friends of the Library, these dictionaries are great for learners who want to practice vocabulary or are visual learners. The dictionary is divided into chapters on specific topics such as language, people, food, health, transportation, and work.

Dictionaries are available at every branch of the Yolo County Library. Check the reference collection or ask branch staff for assistance.

DMV

CA Driver Handbook and pamphlet "How to Prepare for Your Driving Test" at Yolo Reads, it is all the information needed to obtain a CA drives license.

Sample Test Online Before you take the written test, you can practice online at <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/interactive/tdrive/exam.htm>.

ESL

Activities for ESL Quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help you learn English as a Second Language (ESL) This project of The Internet TESL Journal (iteslj.org) has thousands of contributions by many teachers. <http://a4esl.org/>

English for Adults

<http://www.teaching-esl-to-adults.com/>

Resources, tips, and strategies for teaching ESL to adults from an ESL tutor. This site is rich in resources.

English Listening Language Lab Online: <http://www.elllo.org/english/home.htm>

ELLLO is a free online listening resource of over 1,000 listening activities designed especially for ESL and EFL students and teachers. Most listening activities include images, an interactive quiz, and transcript of the audio and downloadable MP3.

Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab: <http://www.esl-lab.com/>

Conversations on various common subjects. Quizzes available. Three levels: Easy/Medium/Difficult.

Exercises

Hundreds of Free English Exercises: <http://www.agendaweb.org/>

The best free English exercises from the best free websites. Hundreds of free exercises to learn English online: grammar, verbs, vocabulary, listening, songs and videos. Worksheets and handouts. English teacher resources. Phonetic. Translators, dictionary

Online tense practice and printable rules: <http://www.e-grammar.org/>

Free online English tenses: English grammar exercises, tests, rules E-grammar is free online English grammar for all who want to practice English tenses. What will you find here? Complete verb tenses in English with interactive English tests and basic grammar rules. You can practice your English grammar with free online tests, each test includes from two to five grammar exercises; gap-filling exercises, matching exercises or selective exercises. The exercises on E-grammar practice all the English tenses in an interactive way - you can learn English by completing typical English sentences set in a context and checking your answers immediately.

Finances

Project Money by the learners of Project Read at San Francisco Public Library.

Project Money is a free service designed with input from adult learners to help other learners. Clear and simple language helps reduce the intimidation that keeps many people from achieving their financial goals. The goal of Project Money is to give the learner access to information for making educated decisions. Contact Yolo Reads for a copy of the Project Money workbook or download the 20 page workbook at <http://www.projectmoney.org/teaching/workbook.html>. Additional worksheets are available at <http://www.projectmoney.org/teaching/worksheets.html>.

Control Your Money (level 5), New Readers Press.

This guide to money management skills for adults guides learners in making important decisions about money. Lessons include creating a spending plan, choosing the right bank, and applying for a loan. Worksheets help students apply what they have learned. Available at Yolo Reads.

Games

Games can be a fun way to reinforce new literacy skills and may be especially effective for kinesthetic or tactile learners.

Board Games

Scrabble

Scrabble challenges players to create words using letter tiles. Letter tiles are also great for practicing word families or vocabulary.



Boggle

Boggle challenges players to create words using a limited number of letters. Play by the rules or make up your own game to practice spelling and vocabulary.

Please note: Board games are available through Yolo Reads and may be borrowed by tutors for a one month period on a first come, first served basis.

Online Games

Alphabet Jungle

The goal of Alphabet Jungle is to think of as many word combinations as possible using the letters provided. Good for practicing word families and vocabulary. Alphabet Jungle is available online at <http://www.memory-improvement-tips.com/alphabet-jungle.html>.

Air Typer

Learners can improve the speed and accuracy of their keyboarding skills with Air Typer at <http://www.memory-improvement-tips.com/air-typer.html>.

Create Your Own Puzzles and Games

- For crossword puzzles visit <http://edhelper.com/crossword.htm>
- For word searches, cross words and more visit <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/>

GED

GED (Level 10-12), Steck-Vaughn.

This 6 volume set includes Language Arts, Reading; Language Arts, Writing; Mathematics; Critical Thinking Skills; Science; and Social Studies. It is designed to help lower level readers prepare for the GED. These materials are available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection

PreGED (levels 5-8), Steck-Vaughn.

This 6 volume set includes Language Arts, Reading; Language Arts, Writing; Mathematics; Critical Thinking Skills; Science; and Social Studies. It is designed to help lower level readers prepare for the GED. These materials are available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection.

Gedpractice.com is a free service provided by Steck-Vaughn to familiarize you with the types of items you will see on the actual GED test. By answering GED practice questions and getting feedback, you will develop a feel for the kind of reading, thinking, and problem-solving skills you will need to pass the GED test.

Learning Express Database

The Learning Express database includes tutorials and practice tests for the GED. Access Learning Express from the databases page of the Yolo County Library website at <http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1268>.

Grammar

Grammar Wise, (beginning), New Readers Press.

These two workbooks focus on one grammar point at a time. Each unit presents a grammar structure and gives written practice and conversation opportunities. Lessons offer a wide variety of practice, including multiple-choice, error correction, fill-in, and sentence completion. Lessons are non-sequential, with content recycled throughout each text for added reinforcement. Teacher's guide included. Available at Yolo Reads.

Grammar and Usage, English in Context (level 4), Saddleback Educational Publishing. Brief lessons build learner skill and unit reviews reinforce learning. Topics include sentences, nouns, pronouns, verbs, and more. Teacher's manual included. These materials are available at Yolo Reads and in the Yolo County Library circulating collection (374.0124 GRA).

Index to Grammar Topics: <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index2.htm>

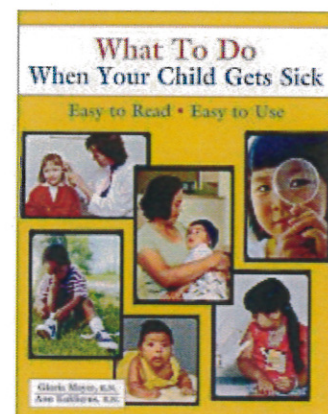
Here is an index to many different grammar topics.

One Stop English: <http://www.onestopenglish.com/>

With over 6,500 resources, including lesson plans, worksheets, audio, video and flashcards, one stop English is the world's number one resource site for English language teachers.

Health

What to Do (level 3-5), Institute for Healthcare Advancement. The series includes *What To Do When Your Child Gets Sick*, *What To Do When You're Having a Baby*, *What To Do For Teen Health*, *What To Do For Senior Health* and *What To Do For Healthy Teeth*. The books are organized for easy use and immediate access to health information. Liberally illustrated and containing no medical jargon, the books are meant to be a resource that can be used by anyone who needs information on each topic. These materials are available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection.



Health Resource Handbook, created by Yolo Reads volunteer Mieke VandenReek. The **Health Resource Handbook** is a collection of health related materials meant to provide learners with experience reading health information and prescription labels. Adult learners will also become familiar with health care agencies, especially Yolo

County agencies, and the services they provide. Contact Yolo Reads for a copy of the handbook.

Living with Stress and Staying Well (level 4-5), Grass Roots Press.

Living with Stress provides interactive activities for identifying the stressors in our lives and the ways we respond to stress. **Staying Well** stresses the importance of preventative care. It contains chapters on healthy eating, exercise, keeping your weight down, quitting smoking, handling stress, preventing injury and finding and dealing with doctors. These items are available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection and through Yolo Reads.

Grammar Girl: Quick and Dirty Tips: <http://grammar.quickanddirtytips.com/>

Grammar Girl provides short, friendly tips to improve your writing. Covering the grammar rules and word choice guidelines that can confound even the best writers, Grammar Girl makes complex grammar questions simple with memory tricks to help you recall and apply those troublesome grammar rules. Whether English is your first language or second language, Grammar Girls punctuation, style, and business tips will make you a better and more successful writer. Mignon Fogarty is the creator and host of Grammar Girl. Grammar Girl is a Quick and Dirty Tips podcast.

Idioms

100 Most Frequent Idioms at <http://www.idiomconnection.com/mostfrequent.html#A>

This web page provides a list of the 100 most frequently used English idioms along with the definition and a sentence using the idiom correctly. Thanks Nicholas for this contribution!

101 American English Idioms (Level 2-4), New Readers Press.

This book is designed to help bridge the gap between the meaning and correct usage of American colloquialisms. Each idiom has a standard English "translation" and is placed in a real-life context—either in a natural dialog or in a narrative. This book is available in the library's circulating collection and from Yolo Reads. (128 pages)

Job Seeking



Get That Job! (levels 5-7), New Readers Press.

This workbook provides tips on finding or changing jobs, the tools of a job search, preparing resumes and cover letters, completing a job application and interviewing. The workbook focuses on helping learners understand their strengths and how to sell them to an employer. Worksheet exercises help learners apply all that they have learned. Available at Yolo Reads.

Employability Skills Series (levels 4-5), Steck-Vaughn.

The four available workbooks from the series include *References and Job Applications*, *Preparing Resumes and Cover Letters*, *Interviewing*, and *First Days on the Job*. Available at Yolo Reads.

Learning Express

The Learning Express database provides online access to tutorials and practice licensing tests. Practice tests include civil service, cosmetology, firefighter, law enforcement, military, nursing, and many more. Learning Express also has a section on resume and interviewing success skills. Access Learning Express from the databases page of the Yolo County Library website at <http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1268>.

Math

See the Mathematics PreGED book under the heading PreGED.

Learning Express

The Learning Express database provides online access to tutorials and practice tests in math. Access Learning Express from the databases page of the Yolo County Library website at <http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1268>.

Math Websites

- Consumer Math at <http://www.aaamath.com/mny.html> covers money, measurement and names of numbers.
- Math is Fun at <http://www.mathisfun.com/> reviews money, measurement, games, data (charts/graphs) and more.
- Interactive Math Games at <http://www.cut-the-knot.org/games.shtml> has games and puzzles.

Multiple Intelligences

Multiple Intelligences for Adult Literacy and Education

This website is highly recommended for use by all tutors and learners. It applies the theory of multiple intelligences to adult education to “inspire teachers and tutors to discover innovative ways to help their learners succeed, based on their learners' intelligences”. Identifying learner skills will help tutors to tailor tutoring sessions to learner’s strengths. The website includes “How To” information. **Multiple Intelligences** is accessible online at <http://literacyworks.org/mi/home.html>.

Tutoring people with disabilities- Yolo Reads has a copy of the training provided by David Hagerty. It provides examples and resources.

To Persist or Not to Persist- Workshop by Kathy St. John, it describes several strategies to support student persistence.

Newsletter

Yolo Reads Newsletter -

Watch for our quarterly newsletter beginning in May of 2010. Encourage your learner to contribute.

Literacy Tribune

United Literacy publishes the **Literacy Tribune** bi-monthly. United Literacy, started in 2007, is a non-profit which provides resources and support to adult literacy learners. The newsletter is written specifically for an adult learner audience and includes articles by adult learners. Access the **Literacy Tribune** online, or download a copy for free, at <http://www.theliteracytribune.org/>.

English Express newspaper/ website at <http://www.englishexpress.ca/>

Learners can read articles, print articles and can even listen and read along to some articles. There are 3 levels of articles in each issue as well as word games and readers' stories. The website also has copies of the Teaching Notes for teachers and tutors that go with each issue of the *English Express*. *English Express* is published by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology 8 times a year, from September to May.

Phonics

Focus on Phonics, (pre-reading, 1) Laubach Way to Reading, New Readers Press. This five-book, four-level series introduces the learner to alphabet letters and sounds and increases students' ability to read independently by applying word-attack skills to new words. Skills instruction, content reading, and writing activities are provided in each lesson. Student workbook and teacher's edition included. These materials are available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection (374.0124 RIC).

- Level 1: Sounds and Names of Letters
- Level 2a: Short Vowel Sounds
- Level 2b: Consonant Blends
- Level 3: Long Vowel Sounds
- Level 4: Other Vowel Sounds and Consonant Spellings

Flipping Phonics (level 0-3). New Readers Press.

This spiral bound mini-book offers decoding practice and increases sight vocabulary. Each Flipping Phonics card is cut into three columns, with each column having a letter which stands for one or more sounds. Students put the sounds together to make words. Good for practicing simple word families. Flipping Phonics is available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection (374.0124 COL).

Pleasure Reading

Quick Reads (levels 2-6), Grass Roots Press.

These short novels from bestselling authors in the United Kingdom are written for emergent readers and include tales of crime, romance, adventure, and mystery. View the individual books at <http://www.grassrootsbooks.net/us/chapter/quick-reads-set>. Items are available through Yolo Reads and in Yolo County Library circulating collection.

Open Door Series (level 2-6), Grass Roots Press.

These short novels are specially written for adults with low-literacy skills by writers as diverse as Maeve Binchy, Roddy Doyle, and Marian Keyes. Titles available at Yolo Reads and in the Yolo County Library circulation collection currently include [Not Just for Christmas](#) (level 2-3), [The Builders](#) (level 3-4), [Letter from Chicago](#) (level 4-5), and [The Story of Joe Brown](#) (level 5-6). Contact Yolo Reads for a list of titles available through the program.

Thumbprint Mysteries (level 4), McGraw Hill.

Joan Lowery Nixon, president of the Mystery Writers of America, has found 10 well-known writers to craft spellbinding stories for adults who want to read but have undeveloped reading skills. Look in the Yolo County Library Catalog for titles or contact Yolo Reads.



Junkyard Dan (level 2-4)

The Junkyard Dan mystery series was especially written for adults. The books at the beginning of the series are slightly easier than those at the end. The series includes in order: Start of a new Dan; Dried Blood; Stolen? ; Gun in the Back; Plans; Money for Nothing; Stuffed Animal; Poison Anyone?; A Picture Tells a Thousand Dollars; Wrapped Up; Finished; and Bloody Knife. Books are available in the circulation collection and the associated workbooks are available through Yolo Reads.

Great Illustrated Classics. Baronet books.

These timeless classics are simplified for lower level readers. Titles include Treasure Island, the Secret Garden, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, and Gulliver’s Travels. Books are available at Yolo Reads and in the Yolo County Library circulating collection. The Stephens Davis Branch has a great collection for browsing.

Timeless Tales (level 2-3+)

Timeless Tales is a collection of reading adventures, fables, love stories, legends, folk tales, and more. There are 70 short stories contained in 8 different books.

Holy Bible: Easy Reader Edition (level 4+)

The Reader Friendly Edition is an accurate translation, but uses easy-to-read words and phrases that make it accessible to beginning readers. Find hardback copies in the circulating collection.

Looking for more pleasure reading options?

At the library catalog home page under “Booklists for Adults” (at <http://web-iii.yolocounty.org/screens/booklists.html>) you will find three links to level 4-6 reading materials which are available in the adult section of the library. Look for the following links:

- Adult Intermediate Fiction - 4 (for 4th grade level materials)
- Adult Intermediate Fiction – 5 (for 5th grade level materials)
- Adult Intermediate Fiction – 6 (for 6th grade level materials)

To locate books for beginning readers in the library, it may be best to speak to the reference or children's librarian. Take your learner to the children's section and talk to the librarian together, so that your learner gains experience with the library and selects his/her own books. Non-fiction books are often written at different reading levels on topics which are of interest to all ages. Easy Readers come in three levels, for readers at 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade levels, but are meant for children. These materials are available in all branches.

Book Reviews for learners by learners

For book reviews written by adult learners at the Alameda County Library Adult Literacy Program visit http://www.libraryliteracy.org/learners/great_books/.

Writings by learners

- National Gallery of Writing at <http://www.galleryofwriting.org/>
The National Gallery of Writing is a resource for adult learner writings to read with your learner as well as a place where your learner can publish his/her writings.
- **Writer to Writer**
Letters written by winners and finalists in 2007, 2008 and 2009 are available in the library's circulating collection. These are also an excellent source for book reviews.

Books on CD and cassette (audio books)

Listening to a book on CD while reading along (silently or out loud) from a book can help learners to practice their reading skills, develop reading fluency, identify new vocabulary words, and practice pronunciation of new words. Look for audio books in the library catalog by title or browse one of the library audio lists at <http://web-iii.yolocounty.org/screens/mediaaudio.html>.

NoveList

If your learner is interested in reading a particular book and you want to know its approximate reading level, look the book up in the library's NoveList database, available from the library's main web page. Search for the book and then look for the lexile. By clicking the link, you can view the lexile chart. Warning: Not all books have a lexile listed in NoveList.

NoveList can also be used to find books at a certain level, on a certain topic or author read-alikes. NoveList links to the Yolo County Library database allowing patrons to search the library collection for items found in NoveList.

Punctuation

Capitalization and Punctuation, English in Context (level 4), Saddleback Educational Publishing.

Brief lessons build learner skill and unit reviews reinforce learning. Topics include names of people places and things as well as end punctuation, commas, apostrophes and quotation marks. Teacher's manuals included. These materials are available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection (374.0124 CAP).

Reading Comprehension

Talk of the Block (beginning readers, Level 1), New Readers Press.

Talk of the Block is organized into two sets of four books each. Each book focuses on one of four themes (family, home, shopping, and health) and highlights specific word patterns, either short- or long-vowel words. The books build everyday vocabulary, teach targeted word-analysis skills, enhance reading comprehension, and develop reading and writing fluency through the use of stories about real-life situations. (48 pages)

Challenger Adult Reading Series 1-6 (level 1-6). New Readers Press.

Each lesson has a word chart, followed by a short story, and questions to answer about the story using the vocabulary that was introduced. The series emphasizes phonics, word analysis, vocabulary, reading comprehension, writing and reasoning. Exercises help students grow from a basic comprehension level to higher-level critical reading skills. Teacher's manuals contain complete lesson notes and pre-reading, post-reading, and extension activities. Teacher's manual and answer keys are available. These materials are available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection (374.0124 MUR).

Reading Comprehension, English in Context (level 4), Saddleback Educational Publishing.

Brief lessons focus on everyday reading comprehension skills such as using telephone books, reading a supermarket ad, following a recipe, and reading a TV schedule. Teacher's manual included. These materials are available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection (374.0124 REA).

Voyager (level 5-8), New Readers Press (quantity limited)

Voyager combines a contemporary theme-based approach with traditional instruction. It teaches the reading, writing, listening, speaking, and critical thinking skills and strategies. Within each student book, units are divided into popular themes and themes into lessons. The reading comprehension, writing, and oral communication activities and skill-building exercises all relate to the reading.

Biographies (level 2). Grass Roots Press.

These easy-to-read biographies portray the lives of famous Canadian, American, and international figures. The chapters, glossaries, and discussion questions can be used to promote pre-, during, and post-reading strategies. The photographs, maps, and

illustrations reflect the text, making the words easier to decode. Each biography contains 48 pages—long enough to narrate fully each person’s story—but short enough for beginner readers. Check with Yolo Reads for available biographies.

American Lives, Books 1 (level 3-4), 2 (level 5-6) & 3 (level 7-8). New Readers Press. Journey into the lives of famous and less well-known people, both native-born and immigrants, who helped shape U.S. history. Each book contains 15 high-interest biographies that profile a historical figure's life in a cultural setting. Each lesson offers a photo, pre-reading questions, comprehension activities, and vocabulary practice. Teacher’s guide available. Available at Yolo Reads.

Practices for Fluency Development- training by Kathy St. John. It includes ideas, and resources on how to help your learner read smoothly.

Roles & Goals

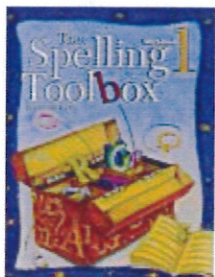
Lesson Plans for Roles and Goals at <http://www.libraryliteracy.org/staff/rg/curriculum.html>.

This California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) curriculum supports the goals adult learners set the most. Covering 22 different goals like "Find a Job" and "Pass the GED," this curriculum is unique because it has been written by literacy coordinators throughout California to meet the specific needs of the learners with whom we work. Plans include activities, games, reading practice, writing exercises, vocabulary, homework ideas, supplementary materials and much more so you and your learner have some additional guidance and direction in working to achieve goals.

Spelling

Patterns in Spelling Series 1-4 (level 3 and up). New Readers Press.

The four-book series is designed for adults reading at a low level who have trouble with spelling. It stresses patterns regularly found in English words. The series begins with the word-family approach to teach basic vowels and consonants, then moves on to more complex blends, sight words, digraphs. Teacher’s guide included. These materials are available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection (374.0124 BRO).



The Spelling Toolbox, Workbooks 1-3 (level 3-4), Grass Roots Press.

This workbook promotes a strategy-based approach to spelling. The introductory lesson describes the spelling “tools” and 20 thematically organized units on the topics of home, community, work, health, and writing. In each unit, the student learns how to spell 15 words by using phonics, syllabication, word families, mnemonics, and a

spelling rule. Activities allow the student to practice new spelling strategies. Teacher's notes are located at the back of the workbook.

Spelling City

After typing in spelling words, a learner can choose to be taught those words, quizzed on those words, or play a game using those words. Visit Spelling City at <http://www.spellingcity.com>.

Structures in Spelling (level 5), New Readers Press.

Students learn to spell using the building blocks of English words; combining more than 200 phonetically regular English prefixes, roots, and suffixes. The book uses a teaching process that integrates three ways of learning: hearing, seeing, and writing, which are particularly successful with ESL and low-literacy learners. Exercises in the student book also incorporate dictionary practice. The teacher's guide includes lesson objectives, teaching tips, and additional exercises. Available at Yolo Reads.

Write It Right!, Grass Roots Press.

Is it their or there or they're? This practical spelling workbook contains 15 lessons that focus on 500 homonyms, those tricky words that sound the same but are spelled differently. At the beginning of each lesson, students can test their knowledge by completing a multiple-choice exercise, followed by an explanation of the homonyms and a review exercise. Available at Yolo Reads.

Spelling made easy. Yolo Reads has handouts that include different learning styles, Basic Spelling Rules, organizers, etc.

Tutor Resources

LitStart, Michigan Literacy, Inc.

LitStart offers guidance and strategies for adult literacy tutors in teaching lessons that focus on the personal goals and learning styles of the student. This book is also available in the circulating collection.

The following tutor Reference Materials can be found in the circulating collection:

- **Taking the Mystique out of Learning Disabilities: A Practical Guide for Literacy Tutors** by Ricki Goldstein (374.0124 GOL)
- **Teaching Adults: a Literacy Resource Book** developed by ProLiteracy (374.0124 TEA)

Online workshops

The following archived workshops are led by Dr. Jennifer Petrich, a post-doctoral fellow at the Laboratory for Language and Cognitive Neuroscience at San Diego State University. The workshops are segmented into shorter sections so that you can view "chapters" one at a time. The archived workshops are available, compliments of California Library Literacy Services (CLLS), at <http://www.libraryliteracy.org/webcasts/tt/index.html>.

- How to Help Learners Improve Comprehension and Reasoning Skills
- Teaching Reading to Learners with Poor Phonological Skills

Teaching Tools and Resources- A list of sites to use with Learners.

Vocabulary

Vocabulary, English in Context (level 4), Saddleback Educational Publishing. Brief lessons divided into units cover word parts, shades of meaning (idioms, slang), helpful reference books and vocabulary by topic. This workbook may be especially helpful for non-native English speakers who have a broad vocabulary and are trying to master the nuances of English. Teacher’s manuals included. These materials are available in the Yolo County Library circulating collection (374.0124 VOC).

Training Provided by Kathy St. John- Yolo Reads has a copy of the training provided by Kathy “Practices for Vocabulary Development” It includes tips, and helpful websites.

Workplace Safety

Key Vocabulary for a Safe Workplace (high beginning/low intermediate), New Readers Press.

The picture dictionary format introduces vocabulary to help learners quickly recognize even complicated or technical terms. Learners practice application activities that link core vocabulary with related terms and phrases. The units include workplace safety basics, safe use of tools and machinery, health and ergonomics, and safety information and labeling. It is ideal for learners who work in janitorial, grounds keeping, or construction. Includes teacher’s guide. Available at Yolo Reads.

Writing

See **Challenger Adult Reading Series 1-6** (level 1-6) listed under Reading Comprehension and **Language Arts, Writing** listed under PreGED.

Writing Well: Write, Revise, Succeed (Levels 5–7), New Readers Press.

Using process writing steps, students progress from simpler to increasingly complex writing assignments. Exercises include different forms of writing including personal narratives, stories, persuasive texts, summaries, and essays. The last two chapters focus on writing GED-style essays. (96 pages)

Writing prompts at <http://www.thewritingsite.org/resources/prompts/>

Need ideas for writing topics? These prompts are listed by suggested grade level K-12, but many are easily adaptable to any writing level and could be engaging for adults.

<http://www.123greetings.com>

Send free e-cards to friends and loved ones. This website has e-cards for every occasion. A text box feature offers the opportunity to enter personalized notes – and practice writing skills. Thanks to Rosemary and Sofia for contributing this site.

www.makebeliefscomix.com

Created by Bill Zimmerman, this website lets you write and illustrate your own comic strips and e-mail them to family and friends. Google's Literacy Project, UNESCO and the International Reading Association have named the site as one of the most innovative for making reading and writing fun. The site includes ideas for educators and writing prompts.

Poetry

Free your learner from grammar and sentence structure and get ideas flowing!

Review these websites for help on introducing your learner to poetry:

- How to write poetry: <http://www.poetry-online.org/writing-poetry.htm>
- Writing prompts: <http://www.thewritingsite.org/resources/prompts/poetry.asp>

National Gallery of Writing at <http://www.galleryofwriting.org/>

The National Gallery of Writing is a resource for adult learner writings to read with your learner as well as a place where your learner can publish his/her writings. ProLiteracy, as a partner in the National Gallery of Writing, has created a site where adult literacy and ESL students and their instructors can publish their writings and share their experiences, ideas, and opinions about teaching, learning, or any other topic that interests them.

Writing From the Start- Writing Workshop for the Central Valley Literacy Network by Sue Mark. It includes different ideas and resources.

When it comes to writing, **does your learner have difficulty getting the first words down on paper?** Contact Yolo Reads for strategies to begin writing. Resources include tips on **making mind maps, using graphic organizers or diagrams, alphabet squares, employment applications and writing from images and music.**

Locating Library Literacy Materials...

On the shelf

Some branches keep adult literacy materials together in one place. Other branches have adult literacy materials shelved with the rest of the collection. Ask library staff if you have difficulty finding materials.

Literacy materials are marked with a blue sticker on the spine.



In the Library Catalog

Materials can be located through a title, author or keyword search. Call number and subject heading searches may also be helpful.

Call Number Search: Yolo Reads workbooks, including the **Challenger** series and spelling books, can be found under the call number 374.0124. To conduct a search by call number from the catalog search page, click the call number radio button, type “374.0124” into the search box, and click the search button.

Subject Heading Search:

Materials in the circulating collection which have been purchased by Yolo Reads have the local subject heading “Yolo Reads”. Many of the pleasure reading materials are also listed under the heading “Readers for New Literates”.

Purchasing Literacy Materials

The majority of adult literacy materials are available online through the publisher. In this resource list the publisher is listed after the title of the item. These are the most common publishers and their websites:

- Grassroots Press at <http://grassrootsbooks.net/us/>
- New Readers Press at <http://www.newreaderspress.com/>
- Nox Press at <http://www.noxpress.com/>
- Saddleback Educational Publishing at <http://www.sdlback.com/>
- Steck-Vaughn at <http://steckvaughn.hmhco.com/en/steckvaughn.htm>

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