

Life long learning is everyone's responsibility

The demands of our workplaces and our world are changing every day. Brush up on your skills. Support your friends, family members, and neighbours who are improving their skills — whether it be reading and writing, getting a diploma or equivalent, or learning to use a computer.

Initiate learning opportunities in your office

Make sure your office provides training to employees, and that courses are presented as a positive opportunity to improve their skills.

Tutor people in your community

Many literacy programs are small and depend on the involvement of local community members. They provide training to potential volunteers.

Encourage friends who want to participate in a literacy program

You can offer to take care of their children while they attend class, or drive them to and from their program.

Read with a child

Reading to a child 15 minutes a day equals 465 hours of early literacy by five years of age.

Act to strengthen the links between literacy programs and other community contacts

If you volunteer with another group — such as a homeless shelter — make sure employers are aware of literacy programs and how to refer potential learners to them.

Contribute equipment, materials or money

If your office is getting a new copier, fax machine or computer, consider donating the old equipment to a literacy program in your community. Literacy programs often operate on limited budgets. More money allows more people to get the help they need.

Your time is valuable

Many literacy programs do not have the money to pay for support staff, and welcome volunteers to help answer phones and provide other office support.

For help or to help, call the Literacy Help Line

1-800-767-3231