

ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Literacy Tutor

Volunteer as an Adult Literacy Tutor at the Santa Barbara Public Library and help transform someone's life! In the Adult Literacy Program our mission is to provide free tutoring to English-speaking adults and adults learning English.

The program helps learners reach personal goals and gain the literacy skills they need as community members, workers, family members, and lifelong learners.

No prior teaching experience is necessary to become a successful tutor; however, commitment, imagination, energy, flexibility, patience and persistence are highly desirable qualities for our volunteer tutors

Our free Adult Literacy Tutor Training Workshop provides volunteers with an orientation to our program and prepares them to teach basic oral, reading, and writing skills to English language learners.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



TECHNOLOGY

Computer Coach

Digital literacy and the digital divide are real issues that affect large portions of our community and you can help bridge the divide. Computer coaches help patrons in a one-on-one setting with an assortment of computer issues. The goal is to solve a specific tech problem within an hour appointment. New coaches will have the chance to shadow veteran coaches before starting.

Requirements

- A basic grasp of common software and hardware
- Patience
- Must enjoy working with people

Time Requirement: one day a week from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm



Mobile Device Drop In Assistance

Smartphones and tablets have quickly become almost a necessity in modern daily life and many people have not been able to catch up to these handheld technologies. Volunteers would help patrons in an informal drop in setting.

Requirements:

- Must be knowledgeable in smartphones and tablets
- Must be experienced with or be willing to learn more about library e-resources
- Must enjoy working with people

Time Requirement: One day a week on either Tuesday or Thursday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

CIRCULATION

Book Detective

Duties: Help find books patrons have requested off a list.

Time requirement: two hour shifts, one day a week.



Shelf Wizard

Duties: Help verify books are in place and tidy up the shelves.

Time Requirement: 1-2 hours a week; flexible time assignment.

Book Logistics

Duties: Track books coming and going throughout Black Gold library system. Work behind the scenes and keep books moving. Must be focused, detail oriented and able to sort and lift books. Training provided for the right person.

Time Requirement: 1-2 hours a week; weekdays late morning or early afternoon.

YOUTH SERVICES

OG Readers Volunteer Tutors

Teens and adults are invited to become OG Readers Volunteer Tutors as part of our new reading intervention program for kids. This 8 hour training is based on the Orton-Gillingham Approach of teaching kids who are struggling readers. These techniques employ multisensory learning, phonics based instruction, and other tools to demystify the process of reading. Once training is complete, volunteers will work one-on-one with students in 1st - 4th grades.

Requirements:

- Complete 8 hour training
- Enjoy working with young people and exhibit patience
- Be 16 years or older, and if over 18, complete a background check
- Commit to the training sessions and at least one hour of tutoring per week for 6 months
- Be excited to share a passion for reading!

Time Requirement: Volunteers will meet at least once a week at the library after school, in the evenings, or on the weekends at a mutually agreed upon time.

