



Reading street signs, understanding public announcements, completing job applications, discussing symptoms with a health care professional — these are typical of the challenges faced by a person who does not know how to read, speak or understand the English language.

**L.E.A.R.N.** was formed in 2004 and represents a network of libraries and organizations in the greater Chicago area working together to support common goals for promoting literacy and English language competency. Our website is designed to help library patrons, students, tutors, educators and librarians identify and locate the resources and services available at our participating libraries and organizations.



[www.adultslearnenglish.org](http://www.adultslearnenglish.org)



### **Our mission**

- To identify and promote collections, organizations and resources to adults learning to read or learning English in the Chicago area.

### **Our goals**

- To inform the public that libraries have special collections for adults learning to read or learning English.
- To effectively direct patrons to non-profit organizations when there is a need beyond the resources our libraries have available.
- To share information and promote cooperation between organizations that offer ESL (English as a Second Language) related services and/or collections.

### **Do you know someone interested in learning to read, speak or understand English?**

The libraries and organizations in L.E.A.R.N. are here to help you. Ask your librarian to show you the L.E.A.R.N. website for a list of organizations offering tutoring and classes for people who want to learn to read or who are learning the English language:

**[www.adultslearnenglish.org/learngroups.html](http://www.adultslearnenglish.org/learngroups.html)**

### **Are you a tutor or teacher?**

If you are a tutor or a teacher, you will find information on our website about resources in our libraries to help you and your students:

**[www.adultslearnenglish.org/learnmember.html](http://www.adultslearnenglish.org/learnmember.html)**

### **Are you interested in becoming a volunteer tutor?**

The organizations in L.E.A.R.N. are always looking for people interested in volunteering their time to tutor someone learning English or learning to read. If you would like to become a tutor, see our website for information and links to member organizations:

**[www.adultslearnenglish.org/learnvolunteer.html](http://www.adultslearnenglish.org/learnvolunteer.html)**

**[www.adultslearnenglish.org](http://www.adultslearnenglish.org)** Look at what we have on our website to help you!

- **Links to the websites of member libraries and organizations**

Each member profile identifies the type of materials, resources and services available, along with a link to the member's website.

- **Calendar**

A listing of conversation groups, tutor training sessions, and other events in the region.

- **Links to ESL and literacy sites**

Here students and tutors will find online tutorials, quizzes, grammar and vocabulary exercises, online magazines for new readers, sites designed for parents and children, and more.

- **FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions**

Answers to common questions about L.E.A.R.N. and its members