

Reading Connections

For 27 years, Reading Connections has been transforming our community by improving literacy and promoting educational equity for people of all ages, empowering them to navigate changes in an increasingly complex world. We remain focused on practical solutions and data-sustained results. We see the results of our efforts in these data points and are committed to our vision of a fully literate community where all individuals and families have the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to flourish.



Our Accomplishments

Total Adults Served: **905**

Total Children Served: **111**

Total Student Hours: **26,307**

Full-time students advanced an adult literacy level (2-3 grade levels): **53%***

Total Students Got Jobs: **41**

Total Students Entered College: **5**

Total Students Read More to their Children: **65**

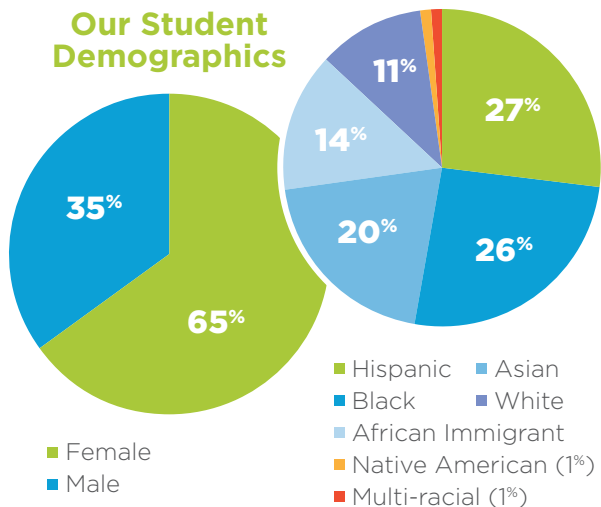
Total Students Passed the U.S. Citizenship Test: **4**

Total Student Got a Driver's License: **11**

Total Volunteers: **294**

Total Volunteer Hours of Service: **17,027**

Our Student Demographics



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2016
2017
ANNUAL
REPORT

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exists because literacy matters. Literacy is a fundamental skill that affects every area of a person's life. These areas include reading, speaking, listening, getting a job, learning to use a computer, and voting for the first time. One in five adults in Guilford County lacks the basic literacy skills necessary to fill out job applications, understand prescription instructions, or read a children's book.

905 ADULTS

RECEIVED LITERACY SERVICES THIS YEAR

Forty-three percent (43%) of adults with low literacy live in poverty. Low literacy affects not only the individual but also his or her family and our community. For instance, when parents gain the skills to read to their children, those children are better ready to be successful in school.

111 CHILDREN

WERE SERVED THIS YEAR IN OUR FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

Parents in the Family Literacy Program made great strides on their own reading with 88% advancing an adult literacy level through learning to read books to their children. Their preschool age children start Kindergarten ready to learn!

294 VOLUNTEERS GAVE 17,027

HOURS OF SERVICE

At Reading Connections, we see the need and are ready to respond. We have the inspired staff, network of volunteers, partners, and solutions in place to help more adults and families in need.

Our goal has always been...

100% LITERACY

in Guilford County: a community with a competitive workforce, a successful school system, and a thriving citizenry. We empower adults to be successful in their work and family lives by providing them with a wide variety of learning methods.

53% FULL-TIME STUDENTS

ADVANCE A FULL LITERACY LEVEL (2-3 GRADE LEVELS) IN COMPARISON, THE FEDERAL BENCHMARK FOR LITERACY LEVEL ADVANCEMENT IS 36%.

Literacy matters to our students, too - women, men, mothers, fathers, daughters, sons - that have all received support from Reading Connections. If you have been a Reading Connections donor, they are receiving support from you. Our students have achieved their dreams and goals for a better life. Because of you we can celebrate all the good that has been done this year, look forward to the future, and build on our successes at Reading Connections.

26,307 HOURS

OF STUDENT LEARNING

Thank you for your support of students!

We invite you to learn more about our future endeavors and upcoming events on our website at www.readingconnections.org. Check here or call **336.230.2223** for information on how to volunteer or other ways you can help.

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“ *With the support of my tutor, I have grown to being able to support myself and my son but also to help others who had similar struggles.* ”

—READING CONNECTIONS STUDENT



Because of your support in 2016-2017:

1. More than 900 adults improved their literacy skills.
2. Adult Basic Education students' improved basic skills to meet their goals.
3. All full-time students modeled perseverance, determination, and courage.
4. More students studied for and passed high school equivalency tests.
5. Students and area businesses increased their economic growth potential.
6. Students received Workplace Literacy classes that prepared them to find and keep a good job.
7. Job applicants received computer literacy training.
8. All adults were encouraged to pursue post-secondary education.
9. Students are more self-supporting and less reliant on public assistance.
10. Parents became more involved in their children's education.