



## **PEI Volunteers for Literacy**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us! Below is some general information about our program and how to apply to become a volunteer tutor. If you have any questions please contact us at 902-368-3620.

### **Background**

The PEI Volunteers for Literacy program provides free one-to-one tutoring to adult learners who want to learn to read or improve their reading skills. The development of this program was sponsored by New Horizon's for Seniors and is currently funded in part by the United Way of PEI. We began developing the program in the fall of 2014 and launched the program in the spring of 2015. It is currently the only free tutoring program for adults in PEI.

### **Working with Adult Learners**

Working with adult learners has many challenges and many rewards. Adult learners have often had difficulties learning in the past, especially in the school system. They often carry with them the belief that they are not capable of learning. Adult learners often need a support person, such as a tutor, to help bolster their confidence. One-to-one tutoring encourages the development of confidence in a learner for many reasons as work can be done at the learner's pace and there is no pressure to perform academically in front of a classroom of peers. A positive learning environment that is created with a supportive tutor can make a huge difference in the life of an adult learner.

### **Resources and Training for Tutors**

Some of our tutors have experience with literacy training and teaching, but not everyone. We provide training sessions for our tutors in the fall of each year and support for our tutors year-round.

The two main resources we provide for tutors to use are "Yes, I Can Read" a paper based workbook written by adult educator, Linda Weisman and Reading Horizons, an online program. Both resources are designed to help adults learn to read and further develop their reading skills. The PEI Library Service also attends our training sessions to introduce tutors to some of the resources available through the libraries. Tutors are encouraged to connect with librarians to become more familiar with the excellent tutoring resources available at their local library.

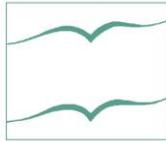
Given the broad range of expertise and experience our tutors bring to the program, we aim to host regular meetings with tutors so that they can exchange ideas, resources and share their experiences with one another.

### **Meeting with a Learner**

Tutoring takes place in public libraries across PEI. Most tutors and learners meet once or twice a week for an hour to two hours. We do our best to match tutors and learners who have similar availability throughout the week. We leave the details of scheduling sessions up to each tutor and learner.

### **How to apply**

Please fill out the attached volunteer tutor application and email it to [info@peiliteracy.ca](mailto:info@peiliteracy.ca).



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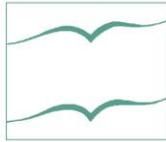
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Tutor Application

<b>Date</b>		
<b>Name</b>		
<b>Address</b>		
<b>Phone</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Cell</b>
<b>Email Address</b>		
<b>Birthdate</b>		

<b>How did you hear about the Volunteers for Literacy Program?</b>	
<b>Please share your reason(s) for wanting to volunteer for this program.</b>	

<b>Education and Work Experience</b>	
Please indicate the grade, years of study, degree, diploma or certificate you have completed.	
High School	
University	
College	
Other	





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<b>Tutoring Preferences</b>	
Do you have a preference for tutoring men or women?	<i>Please circle your answer:</i>  Men                      Women                      No Preference
What community or area are you available to tutor in?	
<b>Time Commitment</b>	
What days of the week are you available to tutor?	<i>Please circle your answers:</i>  Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday  Saturday      Sunday
What time of day are you available to tutor?	<i>Please circle your answers:</i>  Morning              Afternoon              Evening
How many hours per week are you available to tutor?	
How many months are you available to tutor during the year?	
Do you have access to a vehicle and are you willing to travel? We will reimburse you for mileage.	<i>Please circle your answer:</i>  Yes              No

**Please email your completed application to:**

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**Thank You!**