

Be A Part of Exciting Changes!

Experienced and novice tutors are urged to utilize the new resources detailed on page two of this newsletter and use them beyond their current draft form. No one knows what you need better than you.

We want to include your input in the final product. PPL will distribute these draft materials by the end of August ahead of the start of the Fall 2014 cycle which begins on September 8th.

The Advisory Council will be holding Tutor Roundtables throughout the cycle to collect your feedback. The first of these informal sessions will be held in August. Please contact the Literacy Office for exact dates and further information.

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LIBRARY EXPANDS GED SERVICES

GED TESTING

To better serve the community, The Plainfield Public Library, in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Education, has been certified as only the third official GED testing site in the state.

The ability to obtain state-issued high school diplomas has been limited since the fall of 2013 due to the transition from the 2002 test protocol which left many students unable to take the test anywhere in New Jersey.

PPL's ability to provide this service is vitally important as both employment and career training almost universally require a valid state-issued high school diploma. More

information on the GED test changes in New Jersey can be found at

www.state.nj.us/education/students/adulted/

Preregistration is required and standard fees will apply. In order to register for the exam please go to www.GED.com.

GED PREPARATION

To prepare for the GED test, prospective candidates are encouraged to take advantage of the library's GED test preparation program.

This program includes coursework focusing on refining students' basic skills specifically tailored to help students pass the new exam.



PLEASE NOTE:

The GED Preparation classes are ongoing and free of charge!

Plainfield Public Library and NJ Department of Labor Partnership a Huge Success

The Plainfield Public Library's 2013-2014 partnership with the New Jersey Department of Labor was a great success.

The Literacy 4 Jersey Grant allowed a substantial expansion of services for the Plainfield community including:

- Extension of computer lab services
- Inclusion of self-directed training software into the learning model
- Cementing a mutually beneficial relationship with the local One-Stop Career Center.

Producing almost 30 new GED graduates, the program helped many other clients to qualify for career training programs and to find new employment. While the program officially ended on June 30th, PPL looks forward to additional successful partnerships in the future with the State.

NEW TUTOR RESOURCES AT PPL!

To better assist our tutors in their work, PPL has been developing a more structured system of educational support. Improvements include:

New Course Guides with

- Clear skills assessments
- Structured evaluation for student progress
- Lesson plans and examples
- Worksheets

Tutor Training and Professional Development

- Content and level specific targeting
- Classroom Management
- Best Practices
- Forward thinking roundtables

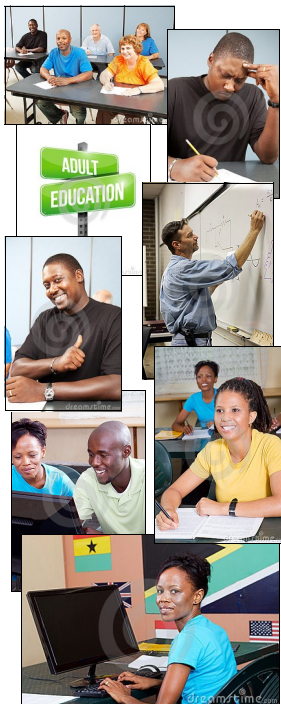
New Supplemental Materials

- Khan Academy's innovative digital math practice
- Rocket Language for specialized ESL exercises
- More text books for wider subject and level flexibility



BECOME A PLAINFIELD LITERACY PARTNER!

The Plainfield Literacy Partners is a community wide network, connecting resources, volunteers, training, and support services. These include continuous award-winning Basic Literacy, GED, ESL, Digital Literacy, and Citizenship Training, free of charge to the greater Plainfield community.



Together We Can:

- Provide the skills necessary for adults to re-enter the workforce and thrive in new economy jobs.
- Give parents the tools to become involved in their child's education.
- Help these "invisible learners" advocate for themselves.

We need you to support our clients as they seek to improve their lives, the lives of their families, and the vitality of the Greater Plainfield Area.

Join the ranks of committed public and private institutions that ensure the preservation and growth of Plainfield Literacy programs.

Invest your energy and resources in our students and be amazed at what they can then accomplish.

For more information on how you can help, contact the Plainfield Public Library Literacy Services Department at 908.757.1111 x122 or literacy@plfdpl.info