

# Literacy Facts and Stats

- 90 million American adults (nearly half) have limited basic reading and writing skills.
- In Missouri, 1 in 6 adults (16+ years) lack literacy skills to enter simple information on an application\*
- In Illinois, 1 in 5 adults (16+ years) lack these skills.\*
- The poverty rate for immigrants/refugees in 2000 was 50% higher than that of the native-born population. This is primarily affected by lower English literacy levels among immigrants/refugees.
- Children of parents who drop out of school are 6 times more likely to drop out.
- 82% of employers surveyed said they saw an increase in work quality as a result of offering workplace literacy training.

\* National Adult Literacy Survey.

## Literacy Roundtable

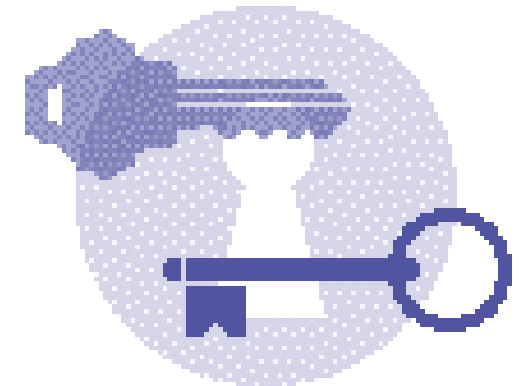
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## Mission

The Literacy Roundtable is a consortium of literacy providers throughout the St. Louis - Metro East area. Our mission is to support literacy efforts in the Missouri and Illinois bi-state region. Collectively the Literacy Roundtable:

- Advocates for literacy at the local, state and federal levels.
- Builds awareness of literacy issues in the community.
- Provides resources and supports learners.
- Supports literacy service providers in our region.
- Coordinates services to ensure quality.
- Recruits and trains volunteer tutors.
- Maintains and distributes a service providers guide.
- Administers “Vickie Newton Literacy Fund” providing grants for literacy learners of all ages.
- Publishes the Connect II newsletter.



## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Collaborative advocacy
- Fundraising
- Partnership with KMOV and St. Louis Rams
- Resource and idea sharing
- Common Voice
- National literacy organizations alliance
  - \* ProLiteracy
  - \* Literacy USA
- Cooperative Advanced Tutor Training
- Public Promotion of Literacy
- Vickie Newton Literacy fund

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## QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Qualifications for election as a voting Board Member include:

- Represent and organization providing literacy services
- Attendance at a minimum of 7 monthly meetings annually. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month.
- Actively participate and serve on at least one Roundtable committee.
- Participate in the Roundtable for at least one year prior to election
- Annual dues \$20.00

*Copy of Bylaws and 501c(3) information available upon request.*

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