



Literacy Services Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00-8:00

Friday: 10:00-6:00

Saturday: 10:00-2:00

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## WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE LITERACY PROGRAM?

We believe the ability to read and write is the basis for acquiring knowledge and skills to improve life. As a public library literacy program we provide training in reading and writing skills to people in our community, especially families and those whose learning needs are not being met by other programs. We provide this training through one-on-one and small group tutoring, computer instruction, and special programs.

## HOW IS THIS MISSION ACCOMPLISHED?

Literacy Services, formerly known as Project READ, was founded in 1985 and is a free literacy service provided by the National City Public Library. It is one of more than 100 literacy programs offered by public libraries throughout California. The City of National City, the State of California, the San Diego Council on Literacy, local businesses, organizations, and individuals support Library Literacy Services. The program staff coordinates the efforts of volunteer reading tutors and cooperates with the National City Adult School, community colleges, and other literacy education providers in making and receiving student referrals.

Tutors, after receiving training, generally meet with their student once or twice a week for an hour either on site or at a mutually convenient public location. The Literacy Learning Center features a wide selection of software to help learners improve language, reading, writing, spelling, math and typing skills.

Library Literacy Services involves the entire family through the Families for Literacy program. Adult learners are assisted in bettering their own skills and are also shown how to help their children to achieve. The Families for Literacy programs includes book giveaways, parenting materials, school success skills for parents and their children and tours of the library.

The Words on Wheels (WOWmobile) brings family literacy services to children ages 0-5 and their families to National City preschools, Head Start sites, child development centers, in-home daycare providers, apartment communities and the National City Adult School.

## WHO BENEFITS FROM LITERACY SERVICES?

In National City, approximately one out of every five adults cannot read and write well enough to meet everyday needs or pursue career goals. In California, approximately 5.9 million functionally illiterate adults must compensate for their lack of reading skills by developing complicated coping techniques and 40% of all third graders are reading below grade level. National City Public Library Literacy Services strives to assist these adults and families.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

There are many ways to support Library Literacy Services:

- Volunteer as a tutor or volunteer to assist with other program operations.
- Offer In-kind services such as graphic design, printing or copying.
- Donate supplies or gently used books.
- Contribute funds that will enhance ongoing literacy efforts.