



Adult Education and Language Learning Programs
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Languages and Learning supports the individual literacy and learning goals of Philadelphia's adults. Currently, we are offering some of our programs virtually and some in person. Below is a list of programs that currently have space for new participants. [Click the link to sign up for our newsletter](#) and receive monthly email updates. Follow us on Instagram [@freelibraryllc](#) or [Facebook](#) for updates on programs and services.

Community College of Philadelphia Classes at the Free Library

The library is partnering with Community College of Philadelphia (CCP) to offer English as a Second Language (ESL) and High School Equivalency (GED/HiSET) prep classes at select Free Library branches. These classes are arranged by CCP and taught by their instructors. There is no cost to learners and a textbook is provided. Interested learners must complete a placement test.

Registration is required and space is limited. Visit <https://bit.ly/CCPIntakeFLP> to choose a test date and view the class schedule. **For more information on these classes, email AdultLiteracy@ccp.edu or call 215-751-8531.**

In-Person English Language Learning

Edible Alphabet English

Parkway Central Library (1901 Vine Street, 19103 - 4th Floor)

Tuesdays 10:30 am - 1:30 pm (August 26 - September 30, 2025)

Adults are invited to this FREE class for English language learners. Each week we read, write, and speak in English - and cook a meal together! **To sign up, visit www.bit.ly/EAEnglish**

Beginner English

Bushrod Library (6304 Castor Ave, 19149)

Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30 am - 12 pm (September 24 - December 5, 2025)

Learn and practice English for daily life in this course taught by University of Pennsylvania graduate students. Practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing to build your confidence in using English. For beginners. **Sign-up for the interest list here: <https://bit.ly/4mpf2gs>**

Beginner English

Queen Memorial Library (1201 S 23rd St, 19146)

Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30 am - 12 pm (September 24 - December 5, 2025)

Learn and practice English for daily life in this course taught by University of Pennsylvania graduate students. Practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing to build your confidence in using English. For beginners. **Sign-up for the interest list here:** <https://bit.ly/45m77K2>

Beginner English

Independence Library (18 South 7th Street, 19106)

Mondays and Thursdays 3-4:30 pm (September 22 - December 4, 2025)

Learn and practice English for daily life in this course taught by University of Pennsylvania graduate students. Practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing to build your confidence in using English. For beginners. **Sign-up for the interest list here:** <https://bit.ly/4l2R89d>

Beginner English

Blackwell West Regional Library (125 S 52nd St, 19139)

Mondays and Wednesdays 11:30 am-1:00 pm (September 22 - December 3, 2025)

Learn and practice English for daily life in this course taught by University of Pennsylvania graduate students. Practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing to build your confidence in using English. For beginners. **Sign-up for the interest list here:** <https://bit.ly/4fk7t8o>

Beginner English

Kingsessing Library (1201 S 51st St, Philadelphia, PA 19143)

Mondays and Fridays 2:30-4 pm (September 22 - December 5, 2025)

Learn and practice English for daily life in this course taught by University of Pennsylvania graduate students. Practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing to build your confidence in using English. For beginners. **Sign-up for the interest list here:** <https://bit.ly/3GTgQiJ>

Beginner English

Philadelphia City Institute Library (1905 Locust St, 19103)

Mondays and Fridays 2:30-4 pm (September 22 - December 5, 2025)

Learn and practice English for daily life in this course taught by University of Pennsylvania graduate students. Practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing to build your confidence in using English. For beginners. **Sign-up for the interest list here:** <https://bit.ly/4l82Rn9>

Beginner English

Walnut Street West Library (201 S 40th St, 19104)

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-2:30 pm (September 23 - December 4, 2025)

Learn and practice English for daily life in this course taught by University of Pennsylvania graduate students. Practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing to build your confidence in using English. For beginners. **Sign-up for the interest list here:** <https://bit.ly/4fl7Uzk>

English/French Language Exchange

Blackwell West Regional Library (125 South 52nd Street, 19139)

Thursdays 11 am - 12 pm

Interested in learning French and helping French speakers practice English? Interested in learning English and helping English speakers practice French? Come join our free informal group. Sign up for the interest list:

<https://bit.ly/BRLEnglishFrench2025>

Échange linguistique anglais-français

Bibliothèque Blackwell régionale ouest (125 South 52nd Street, 19139)

Jeudis de 11h à 12h (à partir du 5 juin)

Avez-vous envie d'apprendre le français et d'aider les francophones à pratiquer l'anglais? Vous souhaitez apprendre l'anglais et aider les anglophones à pratiquer le français? Rejoignez notre groupe informel gratuit. Formulaire d'intérêt:

<https://bit.ly/BRLFrench2025>

English Conversation Group--Mixed Level

Northeast Regional Library (2228 Cottman Ave, 19149)

Mondays 5-6 pm

This group will not meet on Oct 13th

No registration required, all are welcome.

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. This group is for speakers of all levels. Questions? Email AdultLearning@freelibrary.org or call 215-686-8664.

English Conversation Group - Advanced

Joseph E. Coleman Northwest Regional Library (68 W Cheltenham Ave, 19144)

Mondays 5:30-6:30 pm

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library staff Jane and Lily.

English Conversation Group - Intermediate

Philadelphia City Institute Library (1905 Locust Street, 19103)

Tuesdays 12:15-1:45 pm

This group will not meet on 11/11/25

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Margie.

English Conversation Group - Intermediate
South Philadelphia Library (1700 S Broad Street, 19145)
Tuesdays 1-2 pm (October 7 - December 9, 2025)

This group will not meet on 10/21/25, 11/4/25 and 11/11/25

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Petria.

English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Independence Library (18 S 7th Street, 19106)

Tuesdays and Thursdays 2-3:30 pm

This group will not meet on 11/11/25

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Stan.

English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Parkway Central Library (1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia 19103)
BRIC 60

Tuesdays 5:45-6:45 pm, Starting 10/21/25

This group will not meet on 11/11/25

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Yulia.

English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Fishtown Library (1217 E Montgomery Ave, 19125)
Tuesdays 5:45-6:45 pm

This group will not meet on 11/11/25, 12/30/25 or 1/6/2026

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Gleb. *This group meets on the 3rd floor of the library, which is accessible by elevator and stairs.

Beginner English
Tacony Library (6742 Torresdale Avenue, 19135)

Wednesdays 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Starting 9/24/25 and ending 12/17/25

Learn how to speak, read, and write English! Taught by IndoChinese American Council. To inquire or sign up, please Contact Matthew at 215-571-9921 or Kastelberg@iacphila.org

**English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Charles Santore Library (932 South 7th Street, 19147)**

Wednesdays 3:30-5 pm

Starting 9/17/25

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteers Robin and Ted.

**English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Parkway Central Library (1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia 19103)
HEIM 131/132**

Wednesdays 6-6:45 pm

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Natalia. The group will meet in HEIM 131/132 on the first floor.

**English Conversation Group - Intermediate+Parkway Central Library
BRIC 60 (1901 Vine Street, 19103)**

Thursdays 10:00-11:00 am, beginning October 2, 2025

This group will not meet on 10/23/25

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Elizabeth.

**Intermediate English
Tacony Library (6742 Torresdale Avenue, 19135)**

Thursdays 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Starting 9/25/25 and ending 12/18/25

This group will not meet on 11/27/25

Join our classes for adults to study and improve your English. We will work on speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Taught by IndoChinese American Council. To inquire or sign up, please Contact Matthew at 215-571-9921 or Kastelberg@iacphila.org

**English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Lawncrest Library (6098 Rising Sun Avenue, 19111)**

Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Nan.

**English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Walnut Street West Library (201 South 40th Street, 19104)****Thursdays 12-1pm**

This group will not meet on 10/2/25

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Judy.

**English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Parkway Central Library (1901 Vine Street, 19103)
BRIC 60****Thursdays 10-11 am, beginning October 2, 2025**

This group will not meet on 10/23/25.

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Elizabeth.

**English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Parkway Central Library (1901 Vine Street, 19103)
BRIC 60****Fridays 12-1 pm**

This group will not meet on 9/12/25.

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Philip.

**English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Independence Library (18 S 7th Street, 19106)****Saturdays 11 am - 12 pm**

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Gail.

Online English Language Learning Programs

Edible Alphabet English

Tuesdays 10:30 am - 12:30 pm (October 21 - December 16, 2025)

Adults are invited to this FREE class for English language learners. Each week we read, write, and speak in English - and cook a meal together, connected over Zoom! To sign up, visit www.bit.ly/EAEnglish

All other online English Language Learning programs are currently full.

Please sign up for the waitlist here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/26k7mBZ/ELLwaitlist>

In-Person Adult Basic Education

Adult Basic Literacy

Kingsessing Library (1201 South 51st Street, 19143)

Mondays and Wednesdays 12-2 pm

Do you know an adult who wants to learn to read or write? We are offering FREE basic literacy course for adults to help them improve their basic skills. For more information, call 215-686-8664 or email adultlearning@freelibrary.org.

Adult Basic Literacy

Nicetown-Tioga Library (3720 North Broad Street, 19140)

Tuesdays, 12-2 pm

Do you know an adult who wants to learn to read or write? We are offering FREE basic literacy course for adults to help them improve their basic skills. For more information, call 215-686-8664 or email adultlearning@freelibrary.org. *Please note this class takes place on the 2nd floor of the library and there is no elevator access.

Leamos Spanish Literacy

Contact us for locations currently offering this class.

Leamos! ("Let's Read!") is a free online and in-person literacy course that teaches non-literate Spanish-speaking adults to read and write in Spanish. Adult learners are paired with a Spanish-speaking tutor to help facilitate and encourage their learning. Learners can work at their own pace to complete Leamos. The library will provide all needed class materials. For more info, call 215-686-8664 or email AdultLearning@freelibrary.org.

Leamos: clases de alfabetización

Contáctenos para conocer los sitios donde Leamos se realiza.

¡Leamos! es un curso gratuito de alfabetización con componentes en línea y presenciales que enseña a adultos hispanohablantes y que enseña la lectura y la escritura a adultos hispanohablantes. Los estudiantes adultos se emparejan con un tutor hispanohablantes para facilitar y fomentar su aprendizaje. Para más información, llame al 215-685-9996/escriba a adultlearning@freelibrary.org.

Basic English Literacy (for English Language Learners)**Southwest CDC (6328 Paschall Avenue, 19142)****Thursdays 10 am - 1 pm**

Do you know an adult who wants to learn English and does not know how to read or write? The Free Library of Philadelphia is offering a FREE basic English literacy course for adults to help them improve their basic skills in English. For more information, call 215-686-8664 or email adultlearning@freelibrary.org.

Online Adult Basic Education

All Online Adult Basic Education groups are currently full.

Please join the newsletter here: <https://bit.ly/LLNEWS>

In-Person Computer Classes**Computer Skills for Beginners: Free Computer Classes****Days and times vary by location**

Looking to learn how to use a computer or brush up on your digital skills? The Free Library and the Mayor's Office of Education - Adult Education department are offering free beginner computer skills classes, taught by trained instructors.

To register for the next cycle of classes, please email Beyond Literacy at BeLitTech@gmail.com or call 215-474-1235. An instructor will contact you to complete the registration process.

Daily Gadget Help**Mercy Neighborhood Ministries Hot Spot (1939 W. Venango Street, 19140)****Every day, 1:00-5:00 pm**

The location has public computers, a printer, internet, and a reference collection of Free Library materials. The Hot Spot is staffed by a computer assistant trained to provide you with guided instruction as well as open-access computer time. Open to everyone, no registration is required. For more information, please contact hotspots@freelibrary.org

In-Person World Language Learning**Beginning Japanese Group****Parkway Central Library (1901 Vine Street, 19103)****Mondays 11 am - 12 pm (starting October 20, 2025)**

Build your confidence in speaking Japanese while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for beginning Japanese learners and is led by Free Library volunteer Stephanie.

English/French Language Exchange**Blackwell West Regional Library (125 South 52nd Street, 19139)****Thursdays 11 am - 12 pm**

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Interested in learning English and helping English speakers practice French? Come join our free informal group. Sign up for the interest list:

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<https://bit.ly/BRLFrench2025>

All other In-Person World Language groups are currently full.

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Online World Language Learning

French Conversation Group - Intermediate/Advanced

Wednesdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (September 17 - December 3, 2025)

Build your confidence in speaking French while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. For high-intermediate/advanced speakers. This group is led by Free Library volunteer Sylvie. Sign up for the interest list:

<https://forms.gle/2SBzvrnxDPwkgaxE8>

Spanish Conversation Group - High Intermediate/Advanced

Mondays 4-5 pm

Build your confidence in speaking Spanish while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. For high-intermediate/advanced speakers. This group is led by Free Library staff member Sara and Free Library volunteer Geoff. Sign up for the interest list here:

<https://forms.gle/WCQtaYXyEetjx6RR6>

Spanish Conversation Group - High Intermediate/Advanced

Thursdays 3-4:30 pm

Build your confidence in speaking Spanish while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. For high-intermediate/advanced speakers. This group is led by Free Library volunteer Geoff. Sign up for the interest list here:

<https://forms.gle/mhNzinS4hjzZWPZp6>

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Closed Groups

English Conversation Group - Intermediate+

Parkway Central Library ki 60 (1901 Vine Street, 19103)

Mondays 11 am - 12:30 pm

The last class will be on 7/28/25

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Nancy.

Spanish Conversation Group - High Intermediate/Advanced

Mondays 4-5 pm (January 13 - March 17, 2025)

Build your confidence in speaking Spanish while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. For high-intermediate/advanced speakers. This group is led by Kensington Library Supervisor Sara and Free Library volunteer Geoff.

French Group - Intermediate/Advanced

Wednesdays 1 - 2:30 pm (January 15 - March 19, 2025)

Build your confidence in speaking French while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. For high-intermediate/advanced speakers. This group is led by Free Library volunteer Sylvie.

Intermediate English as a Second Language

Independence Library (18 S. 7th Street, 19106)

Mondays 1:30-2:30 pm

Join us as we read about and talk about a variety of topics, including current events, American cultural issues, English grammar, current American expressions, etc. - all to improve participants' proficiency in spoken and written English. Each week participants will receive an email with links to reading and writing assignments that we will discuss in class. This program is appropriate for intermediate-level English language learners. No registration is required. This group is led by Free Library volunteer Nad.

English Conversation Group - Intermediate+

Tuesdays 10-11 am (January 14 - March 18, 2025)

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library staff member Sara.

English Conversation Group - Intermediate+

Tuesdays 6-7 pm (January 14 - March 18, 2025)

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Rachael.

English Conversation Group - Intermediate+

Wednesdays 4-5:30 pm (January 15 - March 19, 2025)

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Chris.

Beginning Spanish Learning Circle

Literature Department, Parkway Central Library (1901 Vine Street, 19103)

Wednesdays 6-7 pm (March 19 - May 21, 2025)

Join this group to learn and practice basic Spanish grammar and vocabulary for beginners. We'll use [Mango Languages](#) at our library meetings and at home during the week to improve our Spanish language skills. This group meets in the Literature Department on the 2nd floor of the library.

Spanish Conversation Group - High Intermediate/Advanced

Thursdays 3-4:30 pm (January 16 - March 20, 2025)

Build your confidence in speaking Spanish while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. For high-intermediate/advanced speakers. This group is led by Free Library volunteers Fernando and Geoff.

Latin IV - Intermediate

Tuesdays 5-6 pm (January 14 - March 18, 2025)

Salve! Do you want to improve your Latin while reading about the daily life and adventures of a member of a Roman household? This class is a continuation of the beginning Latin class that started in 2021. We have covered many parts of Latin grammar and syntax, such as declensions, case meanings, present tense, use of prepositions, pronouns, etc.

English Conversation Group

Queen Memorial Library (1201 South 23rd Street, 19146)

Select Fridays (5/16/25 and 5/23/25) 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Please note the time change for this group for these dates.

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English Conversation Group

Nicetown-Tioga Library (3720 North Broad Street, 19140)

Wednesdays, 10-11 am

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is led by Free

Library staff member Catherine. *Please note this group meets on the 2nd floor of the library and there is no elevator access.

**Virtual Book Club for English Language Learners - Intermediate & Advanced
Select Fridays (5/2, 5/16, 5/30, 6/13, 6/27, 7/11) 9-10 am**

Please join us for a series of meetings on Zoom to talk about the book *Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina* by Michaela and Elaine DePrince. This memoir tells the fascinating story of a child from Sierra Leone who was adopted by an American couple at the age of four, and went on to become a professional dancer. It was published on January 19, 2016. We will meet every other Friday morning to read excerpts and talk about topics related to the memoir. The title is available for purchase on Amazon, and possibly from your local public library. Although participants will ideally read the book in its entirety, you are welcome to participate even if you don't read the book or don't finish it. This class is appropriate for intermediate and advanced English students. To register or for more information, please contact Marcela at francom@freelibrary.org This class is hosted by the Tacony Library.

**Online English Class - Intermediate+
Wednesday 9-10 am (July 9 - August 27, 2025)**

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Susan. Sign up for the interest list at:
<https://forms.gle/pPV2FAu73PNxYdzA6>

**English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
Kingsessing Library (1201 S 51st St, 19143)
Tuesdays 4:45-5:45 pm**

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Ayanna.

**English Conversation Group - Intermediate+
South Philadelphia Library (1700 S. Broad Street, 19145)
Saturdays 2:30-4 pm**

Build your confidence in speaking English while meeting other adults in a casual learning environment. No registration is required. This group is for intermediate/advanced English speakers and is led by Free Library volunteer Christine.

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