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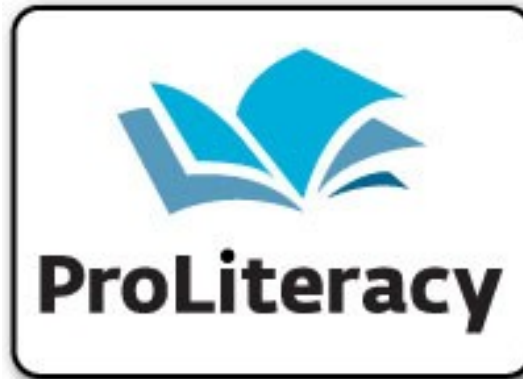
A Fresh Start to Reading!

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## How Can I Help?

You can volunteer to become a tutor on various subjects ranging from Adult Literacy, GED, and ESL programs. Call us today for more information!

Of course, donations are always welcome!



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## Americus Literacy Action, Inc.

### ALAI Mission Statement

To provide one-on-one or small group tutoring in basic English to teachable adults ages 16+ who need to learn to read or improve their reading skills.

ALAI uses volunteer tutors recruited from the community and trained in the Laubach method.



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## What is Literacy?

Literacy is defined as the ability to read and write. However, there are different levels of literacy, from Level 1 to Level 5.

Level 1- Can read a little, but not well enough to fill out an application, or read a simple story to a child.

Level 2- Can perform more complex tasks such as comparing, contrasting, or integrating pieces of information.

Levels 3 through 5- can perform the same types of more complex tasks on increasingly lengthy and dense tests and documents.

### Importance of Adult Literacy

In a study conducted by the National Adult Literacy Service, approximately 44 million people scored at Level 1. Another 50 million people scored at Level 2. Literacy experts believe that adults with reading skills at Levels 1 and 2 lack a sufficient foundation to function successfully in today's society.



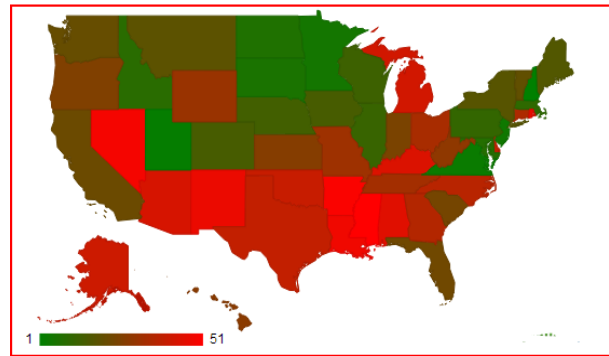
## Is Literacy Really A Problem?

About 785 million people are illiterate.

1 out of 5 adults (20%) do not know how to write or read.

Adults at the lowest level of illiteracy are almost 10 times more likely to live below the poverty line (41-44% compared to 4-8%).

1 in 4 children in America grow up without learning how to read.



## Programs

**Adult Literacy:** Improve your reading skills!

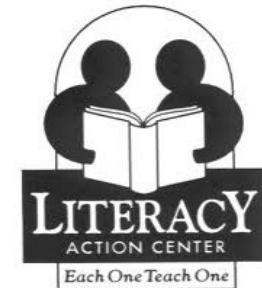
**GED:** Get your high school diploma!

**ESL:** Learn English as a second language!

## What is ALAI?

Americus Literacy Action, Inc. (ALAI) is associated with the Lake Blackshear Regional Library. It is a non-profit organization funded by support from the citizens of Sumter County and nearby areas. It is staffed by a part-time director and governed by an advisory board of directors.

Tutors volunteer several hours a week in an effort to teach students to read or improve their reading skills. ALAI has been affiliated with the national ProLiteracy organization for over 25 years.



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