

GET STARTED

Become a Tutor

- Tutor training sessions are provided free of charge several times a year.
- TVLA provides help, materials and a place to meet.
- We make every effort to create compatible student/learner matches.

Donations Accepted

- TVLA is a registered United Way charity.
- Donations are tax deductible.
- We are interested in up-to-date teaching materials. Please call ahead for details — we regret that we can't accept all donated items.

Keep in Touch

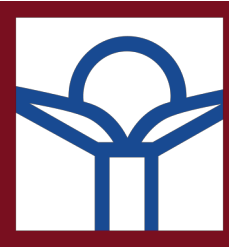
- Call us at 749-0777 or email to get yourself on our contact list.
- Follow us on Facebook, on Twitter (twitter.com/tvla) or read regular updates at www.tvla.ca

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Helping Adults Learn Since 1978

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Member of the
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United Way

What if you couldn't:

- Read a newspaper?
- Understand a bank statement?
- Fill out a government form?
- Write a letter or email?
- Estimate your grocery bill?
- Visit a website?

**ALMOST HALF OF
PETERBOROUGH
RESIDENTS HAVE
TROUBLE WITH SOME OR
ALL OF THESE TASKS.**

**YOU CAN
CHANGE
THAT.**

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A QUIET CRISIS: ADULT LITERACY IN PETERBOROUGH



It's about more than reading paper. Governments and businesses routinely ask people to find information online — something you can't do if you don't know how to use a computer.

In 2007, Statistics Canada reported that only 50.8% of urban and 59.1% of rural Ontario residents possessed Level 3 Literacy: the level required to fully participate in Canadian society.*

Adults who have trouble reading, writing, performing basic math or using a computer

(all elements of modern literacy) face problems finding work, maintaining safe households, raising children and managing their finances. They have lower income prospects and are more easily victimized by crime.

Most adults with literacy problems can recognize some words, and learn to hide their difficulties. This means literacy problems can go undetected, even by friends and family. Adults need a place and people who can recognize their special needs and help them improve. That's what **TVLA — the Trent Valley Literacy Association** — provides.

How TVLA Helps

For over 30 years, TVLA has helped adult learners improve their literacy and other essential skills. Learners improve their job prospects and quality of life through our programs:

One to One Tutoring

- We train volunteer tutors and pair them with learners to explore English language literacy, math and other skills.
- **We need volunteer tutors!** You can make an incredible difference to someone's life by becoming one.

Classroom Learning

- We provide instructor-led classroom learning in Peterborough's East City.
- Many classroom students go on to earn their GED and/or qualify for college level studies.

Essential Skills Special Training

- TVLA teaches basic computer skills to adults.
- In association with partner agencies, we provide other Essential Skills programs in everything from food services to jewellery making.

How You Can Help

Volunteer With TVLA as a Tutor

Volunteer Tutors are the heart of TVLA's adult literacy programs. We carefully match each tutor with an adult student to provide the best chance for a positive long term learning relationship.

As a TVLA volunteer tutor you will receive the training and resources you'll need to help another adult learn essential skills. That includes space at TVLA to meet with a learner, books to use and a computer lab with online learning resources.

Our staff will be there to provide advice, support, help with our computers, copying and printing.

- **Get Started:** Call 705-749-0777 or email programs@trentvalleyliteracy.ca

Donate to TVLA

The Trent Valley Literacy Association is a registered charity and proud member of the **Peterborough United Way**. Your donation is tax deductible and helps us with the following:



- Textbooks and workbooks
- Furniture and maintenance for our learning areas
- Equipment for special programs like Food Services training
- Equipment and support for our computer lab and computer literacy programs

* **Source:** Education Indicators in Canada: Report of the Pan-Canadian Education Indicators Program 2007



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