

**LITERACY COUNCIL OF
MANATEE COUNTY, INC.**

1701 14th Street West, Suite 3
United Way Building
Bradenton, Florida 34205

(M-F: 9:00 A.M. -2:30 P.M.)

Telephone: (941) 746-8197

Contacts: Ms. Christi Villabos, President
Ms. Jan Siver, Director
Community Relations
Ms. Esther Kenney, Referral Coordinator

Services Offered:

Beginning Reading; ABE; ESL; Volunteer Tutor Training-
Laubach Method.

Instructional Style:

One-to-One Tutoring; Small Group Tutoring; Uses
Volunteer Tutors. Student instruction is scheduled for
1 to 2 hours sessions, two times per week.

Eligible Participants:

Adults 16 years of age and older who want to learn
to read and write in the English language.

Fee: Cost of books.

Training of Volunteers:

12 hour basic tutor workshop - Laubach Method.

Locations of Instruction:

Program office; Libraries; Community Centers; Churches.

To Enter:

Call for interview and referral to Tutor/Student
Coordinator who locates a tutor for the student.

Description:

Program teaches reading, writing, conversation, and
comprehension to adults; Trains tutors to volunteer;
Helps public awareness of problem. Member AFLO
and the Florida Literacy Coalition. A United Way
Agency.



MANATEE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Adult Basic Education - Literacy

Manatee Technical Institute
5603 34th Street, West
Bradenton, Florida 34210-5297

Hours: (M-F: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.)
(M-Th: 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.)

Telephones: (941) 751-7973
(941) 751-7900 (Literacy Hotline)
FAX: (941) 751-7927
GED Exam: (941) 751-7966

Coordinator, ABE/Literacy: Ms. Suzanne Paul
(941) 751-7974; FAX: 751-7927; SUNCOM: 599-7974

Services Offered:

Beginning Reading; ABE.; ESL.; Computer LAB;
Workplace Literacy; Family Literacy; GED Prep/
Testing; Citizenship; Literacy for adults with disabili-
ties; Volunteer Tutor Training.

Instructional Style:

One-to-One Tutoring; One-to-One Tutoring as
Classroom Supplement; Small Group Tutoring;
Classroom Instruction. Computer Instruction;
Individualized Instruction; Uses Volunteer Tutors.

Eligible Participants:

Adults 16 years of age or older.

Training of Volunteers:

Periodic workshops; Individualized Training.

Locations of Instruction:

Civic Centers; Schools; Churches; Businesses;
Recreational Centers; Correctional Institutions in
Manatee County.

To Enter:

Register on site at the location of the class or at the
Adult Education Office listed above.

Description:

Offers classroom and computer based instruction
with tutors available for any adult who is in need of
basic skills and is recommended by the teacher.

Vocational, Adult & Community Education

Manatee County

Superintendent:

Mr. S. Gene Denisar, Superintendent of Schools
Post Office Box 9069
Bradenton, Florida 34206-9069
(941) 741-7235, SUNCOM: 536-7235; FAX: 741-3455
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Local Directors:

Ms. Deanna Paris, Director
Applied Technology and Adult Education
Post Office Box 9069
Bradenton, Florida 34206-9069
(941) 741-7254; FAX: (941) 741-3455
SUNCOM: 536-7298

Ms. Jain Totoro, Coordinator
Community Education
Manatee Technical Institute
5603 34th Street West
Bradenton, Florida 34210
(941) 751-7975; FAX: (941) 751-7927

MANATEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Sarah H. Pappas, President
Manatee Community College
5840 26th Street, West
Bradenton, Florida 34207 (941) 755-1511

Mrs. Martha K. Barber, Director
Occupational & Technical Education
(941) 755-1511, Ext. 4218; FAX: (941) 727-6050;
E-mail: Barberm@bc.mcc.cc.fl.us

Services Offered:

Basic Reading Skills and English as a Second Language (ESL). Serves Manatee, and Sarasota Counties.

MANATEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

1301 Barcarrota Boulevard, West
Bradenton, Florida 33505

Telephone: (941) 748-5555
FAX: (941) 749-7191; TDD: (941) 7113

Literacy Contact: Mr. Kevin Beach

Hours:

M - Th: 9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Services Offered:

Beginning Reading; ABE.; ESL.; Workplace Literacy; Immigration Forms.

Description:

Information on local literacy programs; Reading collection for reluctant teen readers, new adult readers and their tutors; Program management materials; Tutoring space for adult literacy students and their tutors. Member of the Florida Literacy Coalition.



LEGISLATORS

Florida Congressional Delegation:

Senator Bob Graham (202)224-3041
 Senator Connie Mack (202)224-5274
 Congressman Dan Miller (202)225-5015

The Florida Senate:

Hargrett, James T. "Jim", Jr. (813)272-2990
 District S-21: Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk

McKay, John (941)741-3099
 District S-26: DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee,
 Sarasota

The Florida House of Representatives:

Bradley, Rudolph "Rudy" (813)893-1840
 H-55: Manatee, Pinellas

Flanagan, Mark G. (941)755-2283
 H-68: Manatee

Ogles, Mark R. (941)746-6767
 H-67: Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota

RESOURCES

Apprenticeship/Pre-apprenticeship Contact:

Ms. Cindy Durant, Pinellas Park (813)570-5147

Chamber of Commerce:

Manatee County Chamber, Bradenton (941)748-3411

Florida Literacy Coalition, Inc.:

Ms. Anita S. Rodgers, Executive Director (407)246-7110
 E-Mail: FLLITERACY@AOL.COM FAX: 246-7104
 Florida Literacy Hotline Referral Service (800)237-5113

Florida Department of Education:

Ms. Leatrice A. Williams (850)488-6191
 Region 4 Director SC: 278-6091

Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System:

Mr. Bruce Hinson, Sarasota (941)361-6300

F.I.R.N. Information and Technical Support:

Ms. Corinna Edwards (800)330-9858; (941)361-6514

Jobs & Benefits Offices:

Bradenton Jobs & Benefits (941)741-3030

Manatee Public Schools Foundation

Ms. Marianne Lorentzen (941)741-7242

Office of School Improvement:

Ms. Sandy Dilger, DOE, Tallahassee (850)487-0585

Probationers' Educational Growth (PEG) Contact:

Mr. Michael Nachtigal (941)751-7966; Suncom: 599-7991

School-To-Work Contact:

Ms. Nancy Curry, Sarasota (941)359-0430

Tech Prep Education Contact:

Ms. Deanna Paris, Bradenton (941)741-7254

Workforce Development Contact:

Ms. Beverly Stockton, Center Manager
 Telephone: (941)747-5323; Fax: (941)748-4874