



Corpus Christi Literacy Council  
Established 1986

# Newsletter

NATIONAL  
LITERACY MONTH  
2023



READING CHANGES YOU

## News from Fall 2023

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## Mayor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, as Former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan declared, "Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. It is a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a bulwark against poverty and a building block of development, an essential complement to investment in roads, dams, clinics, and factories. Literacy is a platform for democratization and a vehicle for the promotion of cultural and national identity. Especially for girls and women, it is an agent of family health and nutrition. For everyone, everywhere, literacy is, along with education in general, a basic human right. Literacy is, finally, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realize his or her full potential." Read more about how [Literacy Texas](#) celebrated Literacy Month for 2023.



## ESL Volunteers Welcomed!

It is with the help of our volunteers that we are able to continue to educate students in the Corpus Christi bay area. We appreciate any support we are given and look forward to making a difference together! [Learn more](#) about volunteering for our community!

# Highlights

## 2023 Strike for Literacy Bowl! Annual Bowling Tournament



**The Annual Bowling Tournament** is Corpus Christi Literacy Council's major fundraiser.

**Thank you for your support!**

# Literacy All-Star

## Student Spotlight



**Nora Dubon**

**Congratulations**  
on receiving your  
Certificate of Naturalization!



For more information, call  
Corpus Christi Literacy  
Council at 361-826-7086.

[Learn more](#) about how the Literacy Council's free services can help you  
and the Corpus Christi community grow.

# Literacy All-Star

## Tutor Spotlight



### Kay Leuschner

“Teaching someone to be able to read, understand, and speak English is to empower them to have opportunities in so many areas of their lives – social, work, health, daily living.

“ESL provides me the opportunity to do what I love most – teaching dedicated students. I personally am inspired by my students’ courage and commitment to come to class to learn. It is also a joy to witness my students bonding in enriching friendships across culture.”

[Learn more](#) about how you can support the Corpus Christi community as we seek ESL tutors. Training will be provided.

# Upcoming Events

## End of Year Fundraiser 2023

Please consider donating to  
Corpus Christi Literacy Council



## Tuloso Midway Tamale Festival

Saturday December 2  
11am-4 pm

**Antonio Garcia Center  
Posada**

Thursday December 14  
5-7pm

## End of Semester Celebrations

will begin December 2023.

## No Classes (12/18/2023 – 01/15/2024)

Classes resume on January 16, 2024.

**Volunteer Appreciation** will be Held

on January 11, 2024

## Tutor Training Coming Soon

February 17, 2024

**Exciting News!** CCLC is the Grant Recipient  
of Charity League 2023!

# Literacy Report

Featuring the latest information about literacy across Texas and the country.

## Corpus Christi Literacy Rates

**More than 50,000 adults** in Corpus Christi do not have a high school diploma or G.E.D. and more than **17% read below the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level.**

In Nueces County, **33% of adults** lack basic literacy skills.

This problem is a vital concern to professional, education, civic, religious, and volunteer groups in our community.

## U.S. Literacy Rates

Population with low literacy:

1. New Mexico 29.1%
2. California 28.4%
3. Texas 28.2%
4. Mississippi 28%
5. Louisiana 27.1%
6. New York 24.4%
7. Alabama 23.9%
8. Florida 23.7%
9. Georgia 23.6%
10. Arizona 23.4%

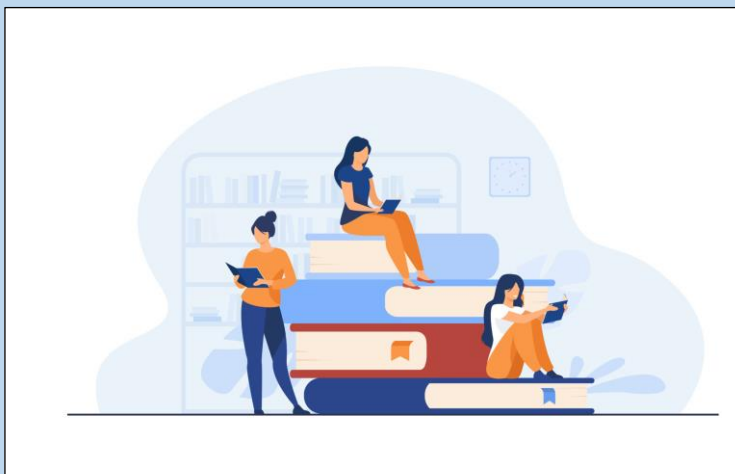
## Texas Literacy Rates

- **28.2% of adults** in Texas have low literacy.
- **Texas ranks 48 out of 50** in the United States.

# Support Local Literacy

## Literacy is a survival skill.

The Corpus Christi Literacy Council changes the lives of adults each year. The CCLC serves the beginning English language learner and adults who read below the fifth-grade level. The goal is to help each individual read, write, and speak English and prepare individuals for jobs by combining life skills and workforce training to promote greater self-sufficiency.



### **Making a Donation**

Donate online at any dollar amount from our [Support Us](#) page.

### **Other Ways to Support**

#### **Support an Event**

Visit the [events section](#) of the website and see what events you might be interested in sponsoring.

#### **Volunteer**

Make a difference with your time and give the gift of knowledge and a voice to our community. Find out more on our [Volunteers](#) page.

#### **Planned Giving**

Gifts by will or trust, beneficiary designations in retirement accounts and life insurance policies, and charitable trusts.

#### **Donate by Check**

Please make checks payable to:

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