



Adult Learning Center

Naming Opportunity: \$60,000

Total Fundraising Goal: \$60,000

Libraries are a place where people of all ages and from all walks of life can connect to ideas, information and to each other. Whether in person or online, library users have a world of information available at their fingertips. The public library engages people throughout their lives to support lifelong learning.

One way JCPL supports lifelong learning is through the Adult Learning Center. The ALC is a dedicated space for adults that facilitates the development of basic educational skills, English language skills, cross-cultural learning and more. The ALC logged nearly 1,000 hours of one-on-one tutoring time in 2019.

The two hard-working staff members supporting this department host over 250 programs and events with more than 1,200 people attending each year. From the annual Thanksgiving celebration to the department's signature event, the Adult Spelling Bee, the ALC finds fun and engaging opportunities to support literacy in our community. One might even see ALC staff members with a group of learners on a field trip to traditional Johnson County events like Strawberries on the Square or the Johnson County 4-H Fair.

"The ALC measures success when a student is able to learn something new, communicate in English or pass a test. We work to help our adult learners understand the world they live in now – here in Johnson County. Additional funding for the ALC would allow JCPL to expand services, connecting with even more adults in our community by providing innovative 21st-century learning opportunities."
-Wendy Preilis, Adult Learning Center manager

For people of all ages, lifelong learning is the key to more satisfying and productive lives. Your generous gift will help provide the resources necessary to support adult learning needs and to promote a literate Johnson County.

"When I moved to the United States there were many changes, but the biggest challenge is the language. I have no words to describe how grateful I feel to the ALC because my life has been more pleasant thanks to this enormous help that they give us. I hope it is always possible to receive these classes not only for me but for anyone who moves to this country."
-Diana Velasquez Miranda, ALC learner