

Turning Pages

*“Books are
the quietest
and most
constant of
friends ...”
- Charles
William Eliot*

Thousands of adults living in Columbia have never known the joy of reading a good book.

Turning Pages, also known as the Greater Columbia Literacy Council, is seeking to change that, one person at a time. We provide customized instructional programs to enable adults to improve their reading, math, and English language proficiency.

Turning Pages is unique because it provides one-on-one instruction tailored to fit the needs of each

learner. Our learners access these services, along with all of their instructional materials, completely free of charge.

Since 1968, we have helped over 6,000 adults improve their quality of life by improving their literacy skills. Our staff of volunteers currently serves approximately 40 learners, but Columbia's need for adult literacy support is great. We are constantly working to expand and improve our services.

Please join us in our efforts to help our neighbors turn over a new page in their lives! You can help by donating your time as a tutor or making a tax-deductible contribution.

Fast Facts: Literacy in Columbia

- According to the 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy, about 12 percent of Richland County residents, or about 46,000 people, lack basic prose literacy skills.
- The 2006-2010 American Community Survey showed that in the 2nd Congressional District, 3.7% of those aged 25 and over have less than a 9th-grade education; and additional 8.2% never graduated from high school.
- Among the most common reasons our learners give for seeking help are to get a better job, to read with children and grandchildren, and to read the Bible and/or newspaper.

Turning Pages ... into Possibilities



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