

Looking Ahead

Partners in Reading looks forward to the next 20 years, expanding its service to address overwhelming need for improved reading, writing, critical thinking and computer skills. As more adults and families participate in the program, service delivery will be enhanced and delivered in a variety of ways. In addition to offering one-to-one tutoring:

- Volunteers will work with pairs and small groups of learners so a greater number of adults can participate
- Independent learning opportunities will be offered to accommodate adults with erratic and unusual schedules
- Increasing capacity will result from more instruction available at the library branches as well as partner agencies in San Jose

Partners in Reading will continue to seek new sources of funding. As these funds become available, new classes will be introduced on topics such as English language, financial and health literacy.

Work Wise Initiative

In spring 2010, *Partners in Reading* will launch the *Work Wise* program. Using funding from the Department of Labor and Industry, we will collaborate with local businesses to provide workplace literacy instruction to incumbent workers. The objective is to increase job proficiency and productivity by improving language and literacy skills required on the job that are embedded in the work itself.

Coaching and instruction will be provided at the worksite as well as at San José Public Library sites. A mobile computer lab will be available to support skill development. Through *Work Wise*, we expand the vocational literacy program, currently offered for preschool teacher's aides, to serve other trades such as the hospitality, fast food and health industries.

Partners in Reading 20th Anniversary

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PARTNERS IN READING

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San José Public Library

Helping community members to read and write; to gain self-confidence and live life more fully.

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Expanded Role for Volunteers

The role of the volunteer is also changing and expanding. In order to support greater capacity and increase tutors' satisfaction, volunteers are creating new ways of working together and collaborating. They are designing ways that over 250 tutors can communicate with one another, share insights on what works and discuss challenges encountered while tutoring. Through their efforts:

- More instructional resources are reviewed and shared
- New training opportunities are designed and offered by tutors
- More tutors are meeting and sharing their experiences with one another

Volunteers are coordinating projects, managing new initiatives and increasing their involvement and investment in Partners in Reading.

Together we can make a difference.

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