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FLINT & GENESEE LITERACY NETWORK

2025-2026

ANNUAL IMPACT



Building a Stronger Literacy Community

The Flint & Genesee Literacy Network connects learners, volunteers, tutors, and community partners across Genesee County, ensuring people have access to the literacy resources, services, and programs they need.

In 2025, FGLN launched both the Volunteer Tutor Alliance (VTA) and the 2Gen ESL pilot programs while strengthening coordination across Adult Learning Centers (ALCs). This year, FGLN served more than 300 individuals through direct literacy programming and ALC referrals, volunteer training and tutoring, and 2Gen family resources and programming. This past year showed what is possible when we show up for our partners, our community, and our families and work together to meet real needs.

PROGRESS. IMPACT. MOMENTUM: 2025–2026 BY THE NUMBERS

336
INDIVIDUALS SERVED THROUGH FGLN ADULT LITERACY SERVICES

27
VOLUNTEER TUTORS TRAINED THROUGH 5 VTA TRAININGS

15
ADULT LEARNING CENTERS (ALCS) COORDINATED ACROSS GENESEE COUNTY

39
ADULT LEARNERS REFERRED TO ALC PARTNERS

113
ADULT LEARNERS USING AZTEC LEARNING SOFTWARE

1,970
HOURS LOGGED BY ADULT AZTEC LEARNERS

106
ADULT ESL LEARNERS SERVED THROUGH THE PILOT 2GEN ESL PROGRAM

34
CHILDREN ENROLLED IN FGLN 2GEN ESL YOUTH PROGRAMMING,

128
FLINT COMMUNITY READ PARTICIPANTS

13
COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS:
1,148 PEOPLE ENGAGED
1,911 LITERACY RESOURCES

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Reflecting Back & Planning Ahead

GENESEE READS

2025-2026 | What We Achieved

- Sustained Genesee Reads following the pause of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, shifting efforts toward community-based family literacy, outreach, and resource distribution
- Advanced 2Gen literacy and family engagement through community partnerships, events, and advocacy, including Applewood Storytime, the Familyhood Summit, UM-Flint Future Teachers Academy, and Flint Kids Read Family Literacy Kits in partnership with the Genesee Intermediate School District
- Continued the Flint Community Read, creating opportunities for shared reading, dialogue, and community connection

2026-2027 | Where We're Headed

- Strengthen 2Gen and family literacy advocacy, intentionally integrating 2Gen practices across FGLN programs and initiatives
- Streamline Family Literacy Kit distribution through trusted community partners, including early learning and child care centers, GSRP programs, and GISD & FCS partners, to put literacy resources directly into the hands of parents and families
- Continue building Genesee Reads as a broader family and community literacy initiative beyond any single program or service

LITERACY SERVICES

2025-2026 | What We Achieved

- Launched the Volunteer Tutor Alliance (VTA), creating a coordinated pathway to train and connect volunteer tutors with adult learners
- Launched the 2Gen ESL Family Literacy Program, bringing adult English learning and family literacy together in one program
- Strengthened Adult Learning Center (ALC) coordination and referrals while expanding FGLN's role as both a system coordinator and direct service provider where gaps exist
- Increased instructional capacity through Section 107A funding and dedicated support for ALC coordination, VTA, and ESL programming

2026-2027 | Where We're Headed

- Scale VTA through expanded sites, tutor cohorts, training, and learner matches
- Expand 2Gen ESL with additional instructors, family supports, and year-round learning opportunities, including the development of a *Bridge ESL: College & Career Readiness* course to prepare adult ESL learners for postsecondary education and training
- Strengthen ALC coordination through shared tools, referrals, data, and progress tracking while building stronger pathways between adult literacy, ESL, postsecondary education, and workforce opportunities

EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES

2025-2026 | What We Achieved

- Approved and implemented the 2025–2028 Strategic Plan, advancing equity, impact, family empowerment, and community engagement through intentional program delivery
- Strengthened FGLN's role as the coordinating backbone for adult literacy across Genesee County
- Expanded literacy advocacy through presentations of local data, FGLN programs, and the State of Literacy to community, education, and cross-sector partners
- Diversified funding to sustain adult literacy, 2Gen ESL, volunteer tutoring, technology, curriculum, and operations. New funding included Dollar General Literacy Foundation, ProLiteracy Book Fund, Michigan LEO Section 107A Innovative Programming, and Community Foundation of Greater Flint Flint NOW Fund

2026-2027 | Where We're Headed

- Release the 2027 State of Literacy: Adult Learning & Workforce Readiness
- Conduct the 2027 Adult Learning Center Needs Assessment to identify needs, gaps, and opportunities across the ALC network
- Redesign the FGLN website as a user-friendly resource for families and a coordination portal for ALCs and partners
- Strengthen shared outcomes, data collection, and continuous improvement across the adult literacy network.
- Build stronger connections between adult literacy, ESL, workforce, and postsecondary pathways with MCC and community partners
- Continue diversifying funding and partnerships for long-term sustainability

OUR FUNDERS

This work is only possible because of our funders. Your belief in literacy, families, and the potential of our community continues to build a stronger, more equitable Flint and Genesee County.

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Ruth Mott Foundation
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Dollar General Literacy Foundation
Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity
WD Workforce Development
ProLiteracy
Genesee County Literacy Coalition
Mott Community College Workforce & Economic Development

TWO-GENERATIONAL 2GEN LITERACY INITIATIVE

What are students and families working toward?

"I want to pursue a degree in order to get a good job." — Grey

"My goal is to become an American citizen." — Fabiola

"My goal is to succeed in life" — Fatoumata

"My goal is to study Interior Design." — Lidibet

"I have two wonderful children who inspire me. Everything I do is for them and our future" — Marbelys

"My children inspire me. Everything I do is for them and our future." — Andrea

"I want to show my children that anything can be achieved with effort, discipline, and perseverance." — Mayerling

"I want to support my daughters with their schoolwork.." — Gabriela

"My goal is to become a nurse." — Noumoutenin

"My goal is to get a college degree in engineering." — Mashear

"I want to start my own business." — Yandrei

"My goal is to study Business. Learning English is my first step toward university." — Lauren

"My goal is to improve myself step by step." — Marwa

"I am learning and growing every day and building a bright future for myself" — Samer



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Literacy *for* Life.

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2025-2026
Extraordinary Student Recognition
Celebrating Perseverance & Academic Success

Meet Fateh Aziz



Fateh Aziz has spent seven of the past nine years finding ESL classes wherever he could in the community, chipping away at his English bit by bit. This past year, he and his wife, Fatehia, doubled down. Two ESL programs at once, four evenings a week, on top of continuing to work and support their family.

Fateh immigrated to the United States and spent many years in his family's business. It was steady work, and it supported his family, but it wasn't a path he'd chosen for himself; he never really got the chance to ask what he wanted to do. This year, he decided to find out, and he set his sights on welding.

It took more than determination to get there. *It took coordination.* Fateh had language barriers to work through, assessments to pass, and enrollment paperwork to navigate. FGLN, MCC Workforce & Economic Development, GST Michigan Works!, and Talent Development Center (Genesee County Literacy Coalition ALC partner) worked together to help him through it.

Fateh is now enrolled in and is completing MCC Workforce & Economic Development's Accelerated Welding Program. He's the kind of student who just doesn't quit, and his story is a good reminder of what's possible when the partners around a learner actually *pull in the same direction.*

Fateh's journey is a powerful example of perseverance, lifelong learning, and what becomes possible when determination meets opportunity. ***We see you and celebrate you, Fateh!***

Looking to Learn? Start Here!
We'll connect you with the program, adult learning center, or one-to-one tutor that best fits your needs.

LOOKING TO LEARN?

2GEN ESL

Learn English. Build Your Future!
Build your speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Gain confidence for work, school, and everyday life.

Interested in Volunteering?
We'll help you become a volunteer tutor. We provide training, support, and flexible opportunities so you can help an adult reach their goals.

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

DONATE

Donate Today
Your support helps FGLN expand access to literacy, learning, and opportunity for individuals and families across our community.

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