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## SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE'S ADULT VOLUNTEER LITERACY PROGRAM IS OFFERING FREE SERVICES AND SEEKING VOLUNTEER TUTORS

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—South Suburban College is currently seeking tutors and participants for the Adult Volunteer Literacy Tutoring Program. The program is structured to train volunteers to become one-on-one tutors for adults in need of basic literacy skills. Instruction in basic literacy includes the development of phonetic reading skills combined with communication skills. SSC is encouraging residents to take this opportunity to volunteer as a tutor or encourage someone you know to take advantage of the free program.

Illiteracy is an issue that can be debilitating in so many ways for adults who never received the proper instruction. Adults who are unable to read have a much more difficult time with many daily activities that others may take for granted, along with a clear disadvantage in today's competitive job market.

New tutor Summer Semester Training Sessions will take place at the college's Main Campus in South Holland on May 20-23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The tutor training is a 12-hour program that culminates with Literacy Training Certification. Once certified, the tutors will go out to visit their adult learners at locations in or near their neighborhoods.

Tutoring sites have been established at the following locations: Acorn Public Library, Oak Forest; Glenwood-Lynwood Library; Harvey Public Library; Phoenix Library; Calumet City Public Library; Grande Prairie Library, Hazel Crest; Homewood Public Library; South Holland Public Library; South Suburban College Library, Main Campus; Oak Forest Center Library, Oak Forest; Lansing Public Library; Dolton Public Library; Riverdale Public Library; Markham Public Library and Midlothian Public Library. Tutoring schedules are based on the availability of the tutors and the learners, and the availability of space and hours of the tutoring sites.

Tutors will receive free professional development services throughout this program. Successful tutors are also eligible for letters of support or recommendation for jobs, scholarships, educational opportunities, and more. These opportunities are made possible by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library (ISL), a division of the Office of Secretary of State, using state funds designated for literacy.

If you would like to register for the upcoming volunteer tutor training class, or if you know someone who could benefit from tutoring services, please contact Raylynn Stokes, Literacy Coach of the Adult Volunteer Literacy Program, at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2558, or email [rstokes@ssc.edu](mailto:rstokes@ssc.edu). South Suburban College is located at 15800 S. State St., South Holland, Illinois. SSC's Office of Adult Education administers the Adult Volunteer Literacy Tutoring Program in addition to High School Equivalency (HSE), English as a Second Language (ESL), and Adult Basic Education (ABE).

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