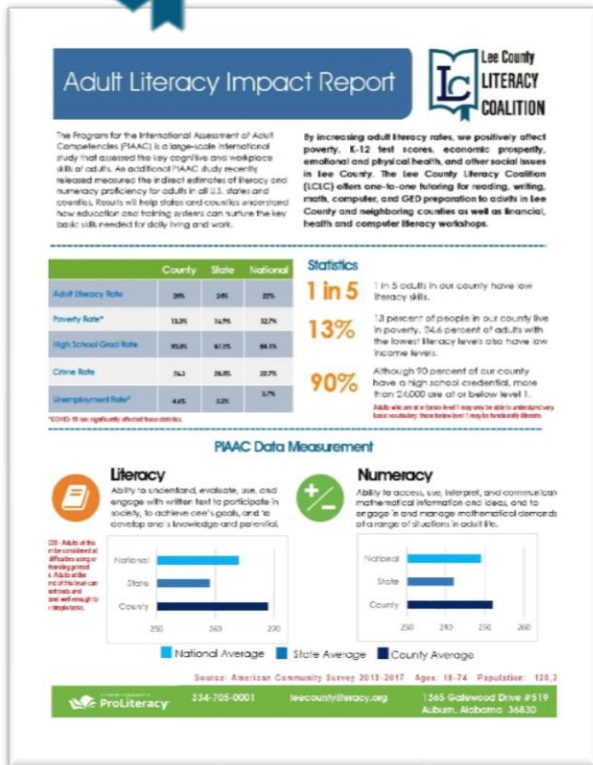




# Summer Newsletter 2020



## Why Literacy Matters

By increasing adult literacy rates, we positively affect poverty, K-12 test scores, economic prosperity, emotional and physical health, and other social issues. The Lee County Literacy Coalition (LCLC) offers one-to-one tutoring for reading, writing, math, and GED preparation to adults in Lee County and neighboring counties as well as financial, health and computer literacy workshops.

Our goal is to meet learners "right where they are" and empower them with literacy tools and skills needed to be contributing, productive, and engaged members of the community. We do this by advocating for adult education, providing instruction, and partnering with other community-based agencies. Improving access to adult literacy addresses intergenerational poverty and makes our community stronger. Access to services are just a call, click or scan away. For more information, scan the code or visit [www.leecountyliteracy.org](http://www.leecountyliteracy.org). [Get Involved!](#)



## Our Mission

Our mission is to help adults learn to read, write, and use mathematics and computers at a level necessary to succeed and thrive. LCLC offers financial, health and computer literacy workshops.

Key community benefits include increasing and leveraging resources to meet the current demand for adult literacy services; improving collaboration and coordination across local systems serving adult learners while promoting equitable access to literacy education for all adults in Lee County and neighboring counties.

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## BEE The Change!

As a community, we must care for one another, now more than ever. Small gestures like wearing a face covering, social distancing and washing our hands can literally translate to life saving actions. Thank you to our essential and front-line professionals that keep all of us healthy, safe and feed.

COVID-19 requires us to navigate differently. Lee County Literacy Coalition is proud to continue service to the community. Our hours have extended to offer evening and Saturday on-site safe, tutoring space. Virtual platforms are available for learners and tutors to connect online. No internet access, no problem. Socially distance computer stations are available for learners on-site. Tablet devices (limited quantities) will be made available to learners with Wi-Fi access once paired with a tutor.

## GET INVOLVED

- Become a Tutor
- Volunteer
- Sponsor an Event
- GIVE Today

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Services and workshops are  
available at no-cost and open  
to the public.

This year's Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee has been postponed until we can be safe. Bernard the Bee hopes to see you next year! Our new normal creates opportunities for innovation and we need your support. Visit [Events & News](#) for what's next. Summer Safely!

## Welcome to our NEW Team Members!



**Beck Stallworth**  
Program Coordinator



**Isabel Trehern**  
Volunteer



**Catherine Phillips**  
Program Coordinator

## Thank You - Volunteer Tutors

Kathy Bailey • Diana Bilgili • Catherine Buckhalt • Diana Eidson  
Michelle Furey • Bruce Green • Precious Holloway • Deepa Kodall  
Courtney Lane • Charlie Lesh • Cathy Love • Ann Monley  
Aldona Petrenas-Mann • Cat Phillips • Betsy Stallworth • Patsy Thomas  
Valerie Townes • Susan Webeler



## Tutor Spotlight – Courtney Lane

Ms. Lane joined LCLC as a tutor in 2015. She has been paired and working with the same learner. Their specific focus is reading. Courtney is confident that this experience has added value to her life. She is a wonderful advocate for education and participates in events to recruit new tutors. She has been a guest on the LCLC podcast "How Did You Become A Reader?". By day, Courtney is part of the Auburn University family with the Office of Development-Donor Relations. We are thrilled to have Courtney as part of our team and grateful for her service to further the LCLC mission.



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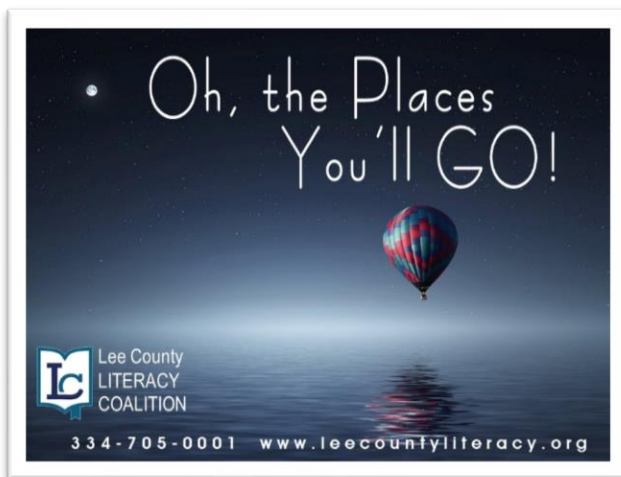
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## Become a HERO for Literacy

Capes provided. Becoming a volunteer tutor impacts everyone involved. The learner, the tutor and the community. Difference makers are everyday people that stand in the gap when called upon. The average time commitment is about one-hour per week, plus lesson preparation. Virtual and safe on-site space for sessions are available. And, LCLC staff is

here to support you every step of the way. A few hours a week for you can mean a life change for a learner. Asking for help is one of the most difficult things to do as adults. Help us answer those requests.



The next Basic Tutor Training Webinar is scheduled for **August 11 – 12, 2020 at 1:00 – 2:30 pm**. Getting started is easy. Give us a call 334-705-0001 or email [info@leecountyliteracy.org](mailto:info@leecountyliteracy.org) for more details. [Become a Volunteer Tutor!](#)



Join Lee County Literacy Coalition as we ask guests how they became readers to remind us of the joy and empowerment reading offers. Conversations will share important community resources and events of interest. [Listen to the latest episode!](#)



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## Financial Literacy Workshops

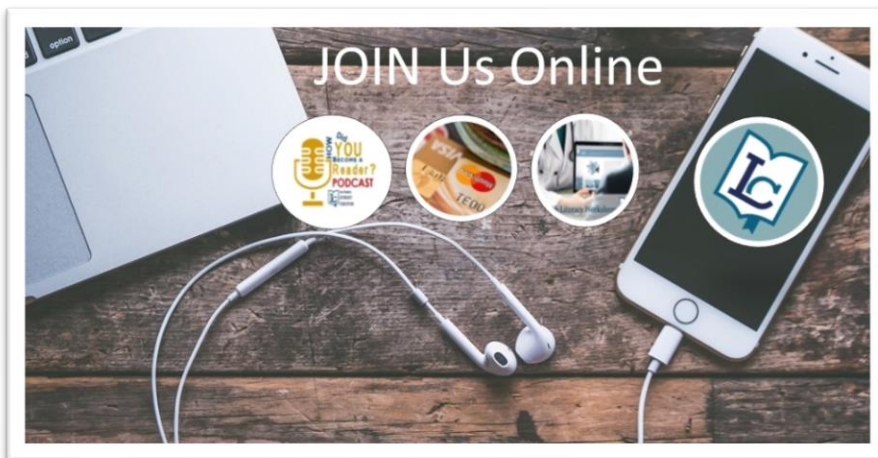
You have the power to change your financial story. It starts with creating a budget, tracking your spending and using credit wisely.

This two-session workshop shares fundamentals to help manage your finances and more. Workshops are available at no-cost; registration is required. Call 334-705-0001 or email [info@leecountyliteracy.org](mailto:info@leecountyliteracy.org).

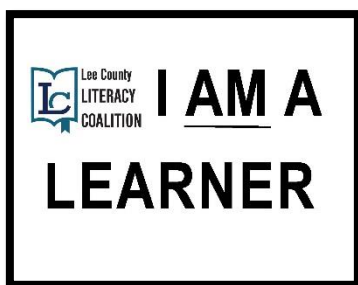


- **August 4 – 5** 5:00 pm
- **September 8 -9** 10:00 am
- **October 6 – 7** 5:00 pm





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## Literacy Online

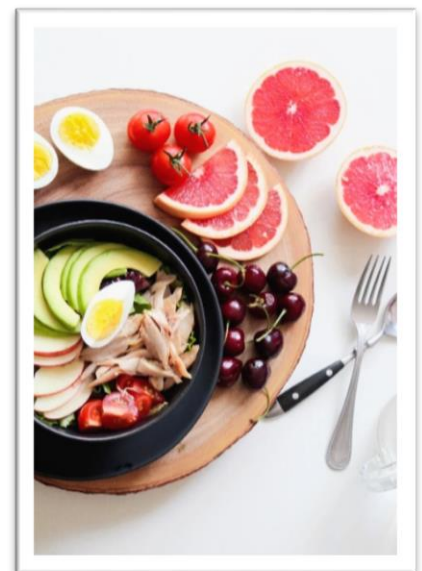
Change is inevitable. The Lee County Literacy Coalition will evolve to respond to the needs of the community. Our promise is to present virtual solutions to maximize tutor and learner engagement. Programming will be developed to offer tools, i.e. the Workforce Development series offered in June with September dates forthcoming. Registration is available by phone, email or website. Participants will be sent a confirmation email with a link to access the webinar via Zoom.

Check the website for dates and times. Reserve your spot by calling 334-705-0001 or email [info@leecountyliteracy.org](mailto:info@leecountyliteracy.org).

## Health Literacy Workshops

Beyond literacy is LCLC's approach to provide information for participants to advocate for themselves. Health Literacy topics will explore overall health and wellness. These 90-minute workshops are scheduled each month. Save the date and call to register for more details.

<b>July</b>	<b>Yoga</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Cancer Prevention through Diet</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Meds Matter</b>



## Virtual Open Mic Night

Lee County Literacy Coalition's first ever virtual event was amazing and was produced on Facebook LIVE! Thanks to our incredible host Vendetta Reynolds from Virginia Beach, Virginia. Our performers, Kenneth McMillian, Lorna Wood, Bill King, Eric Carzon, Teresa Rodriguez & Friend, Jeff Stallworth, Bill Lee, Dean Bonner, Wynn Christian and Lila Meadows & Friend, kept us all entertained for hours. LCLC proceeds were over \$600. We are grateful for your continued support. Stay tuned for our next virtual event.

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