

Library Electronic Resources: Instructional Materials

The A.K. Smiley Public Library provides access to many very useful websites. These digital resources are available for library patrons and adult literacy teams; some require passwords (which are provided) or a valid library card number.

These digital resources can be accessed over the internet from a variety of different sources including the laptops in the computer lab, the library's public computers, the adult literacy iPad tablets, and personal cell phones, tablets, or home computers.

The A.K. Smiley Public Library web address is: <http://www.akspl.org>

The **Electronic Databases** can be accessed from the library website by navigating through the **edatabases**.

Explore the many resources available for use. A few of the sites that adult learners find particularly useful are the following:

- **News for You:** offers easy-to-read current news stories that can help a learner learn to read, write, speak, and understand the English language. Seven new stories are posted each Wednesday, along with audio, exercises, vocabulary, a crossword puzzle, and a poll. Listen to each story in full or follow along sentence-by-sentence. (**Note password: 233360**)



- **In Context Databases: Biography In Context** offers authoritative reference content alongside magazine and journal articles, primary sources, videos, audio podcasts, and images. Covering a vast array of people from historically significant figures to present-day newsmakers, it's continuously updated to ensure researchers have access to the very latest information.



- **Magazine Database: Flipster** is a digital magazine service featuring a variety of titles for adults and children. We currently have 18 titles available! With Flipster, you can use your library card to access current and back issues of popular titles, such as: *Better Homes & Garden*, *Bon Appetit*, *Field & Stream*, *Forbes*, *Men's Health*, *Newsweek Global*, *People*, *Sunset*, *Time*, and more



Online Resources to Enhance Your Tutoring:

Learnenglish**feelgood.com**

- This website provides **printable worksheets** to use with your learner. Subject areas include: writing skills, articles, verb tenses, prepositions, phrasal verbs, pronouns, countable or non-countable nouns, and adjectives/adverbs.

California Library Literacy Services (CLLS): <http://libraryliteracy.org>

- Roles and Goals Curriculum – for each of the 26 most common learner goals, CLLS has prepared a teaching plan for tutors to use with their learners. These can be downloaded directly from the site and printed for use.
- Browse the learner resources and the tutor resources links on this site to find videos of learner stories, tutor stories, voter guides, book reviews, Writer-to-Writer Challenge, and additional useful information.

Tutor training videos are available at <https://libraryliteracy.org/tutors-literacy-coordinators/tutors/tutor-resources/cls-tutor-training-videos/>

Dozens of videos are available for adult literacy tutors to learn about successful strategies and tools for teaching specific skills like phonics, decoding, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Writing Videos are being edited now and should be available soon.

Proliteracy Education Network: www.proliteracyednet.org

- Videos, lesson plans, activities for tutors
- Free on-line courses for tutors
- Resources for learners that include downloadable files and interactive activities. Categories include reading and writing, math, vocabulary, citizenship, practice tests.

ReadWorks: www.readworks.org

- Set up an account – its free!
- Lexiled Reading passages with comprehension questions and writing exercises

Agenda Web: <http://www.agendaweb.org>

- This website provides a variety of online activities as well as **printable worksheets** to use with your learner. Subject areas include: Grammar, Vocabulary, Verbs, Listening, Reading, Videos, and Phonetics.