

Ridgewood Public Library



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ENGLISH as a SECOND LANGUAGE OFFICE ~ 201.670.5600 x 141

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ENGLISH as a SECOND LANGUAGE ~ ESL

World Language Services ~ English as a Second Language (ESL)

The Ridgewood Public Library welcomes all nationalities. Our English as a Second Language program offers varied levels of tutoring and instruction to adult Ridgewood residents who seek help with conversational and written English.



Depending on level of need, a student may be selected to learn in:

<u>Learning Environment</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Level</u>
Individual sessions	1	beginner
Groups		
♦ Instructional	2 – 6	beginner-adv. beginner
♦ Conversation	4 – 10	adv. beginner-advanced
♦ Au Pair Conversation	4 – 10	intermediate
♦ Classroom Instruction	10 - 20	adv. beginner-advanced

Who are the students?

Adults (over the age of 18) of any nationality, who are current residents of Ridgewood and plan to remain in our community for at least one full year. The Library always has a waiting list of students. We try to find earliest placement for those with the greatest need for assistance.

Who are the tutors?

Adult volunteer tutors work with individual students or in small groups. All tutors must become certified through our 4-session Ridgewood Library Tutor Training Program. Earlier ESL or LVA experience may be considered in the certification process. Teaching experience, foreign language skills and Ridgewood residency are not required for tutors.

When and where does tutoring take place?

Students and tutors generally meet once a week for 1 ½ to 2 hours, within the course of a year. These learning teams meet in the Library's Literacy Study or in other quiet library areas.

Classroom instructors lead groups of 15 – 20 students, meeting twice a week over a 4 – 7 week period.

Is there a fee?

Tutors receive free training and materials. Students receive free individual/small group tutoring. There is a small fee (about \$25) to register for *Classroom Instruction* only, which includes handouts.

How do I begin?

Application forms for students and tutors are online at www.ridgewoodlibrary.org and at all library services desks. You may also call Jill and Nancy at the ESL Office: 201.670.5600 x 141.