

Life Goals *achieved!*

at Blue Ridge Literacy

July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

In the 21-21 Fiscal Year, Blue Ridge Literacy continued to provide adult literacy learners in our community with the Functional Literacy Skills they need to reach their life goals. Functional Literacy refers to practical skill-sets required to read, write, and communicate for real-life purposes, so people can function effectively and safely in everyday settings and achieve their long-term plans and goals. We continued offering our integrated English and Health Literacy Classes, Expanded our English and Digital Literacy Program, and increased the study options for participating on our Citizenship Preparation Services.

Blue Ridge Literacy works closely with community partners and service providers in our area to share information about available resources and opportunities in our community. By addressing the informational gap of adult learners, BRL's cross-sectional literacy services help learners gain equitable access to opportunities and resources they need to improve living conditions for themselves and their families. To ensure our learners can access our services, Blue Ridge Literacy offers online and in-person options at different times of the day.

LEARNERS

295

enrolled in ESOL classes

90

worked with a 1:1 tutor

220

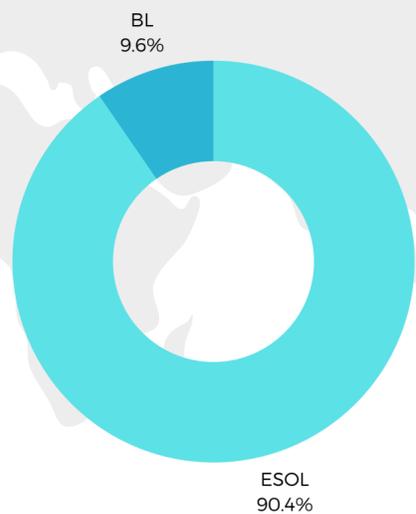
improved Health Literacy Skills

120

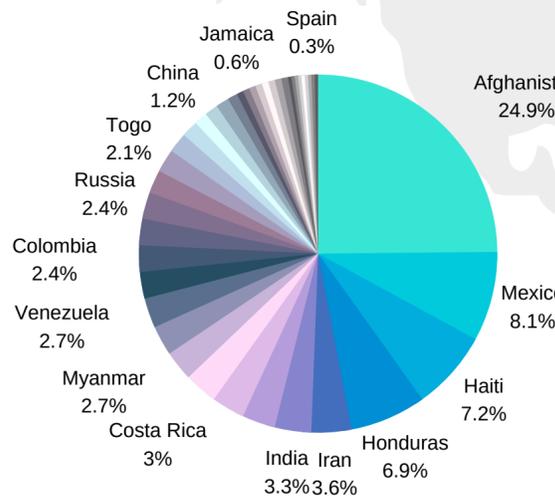
Improved Digital Literacy Skills

20

became US citizens



BRL's English literacy services are offered to American and Foreign-born adults in Southwest Virginia. Currently, 90% of BRL learners are foreign-born adults enrolled in our ESOL and Citizenship Preparation programs.



In Fiscal Year 20-21, BRL's learners represented 42 countries, including the United States. The top five countries represented were Afghanistan, Mexico, Haiti, Honduras, and South Sudan,

VOLUNTEERS

8400 total instruction and volunteer hours

In FY 21-22, BRL's volunteers and instructors allocated a total of 8400 hours to provide online and in-person training to over 300 learners in one-on-one and classroom settings. BRL's Literacy volunteers served as one-on-one tutors, online and in-person classroom instructors, and classroom assistants in our English and Healthy literacy classes.

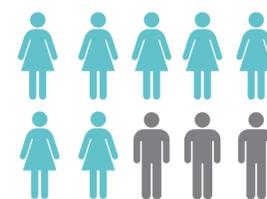
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total # of literacy volunteers

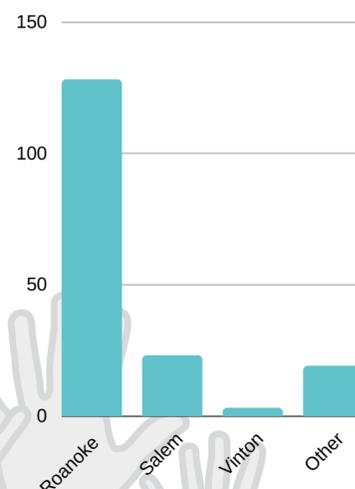
60

new volunteers engaged through six online volunteer training workshops

Who volunteers?



Women make up 70% of volunteers at BRL



Most BRL literacy volunteers live in Roanoke City

100%

of volunteers who left in 2021 completed their commitment



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Life goals through literacy