

# LEARN (v):

to acquire understanding through reading, writing, studying, and contextualizing

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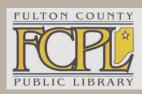
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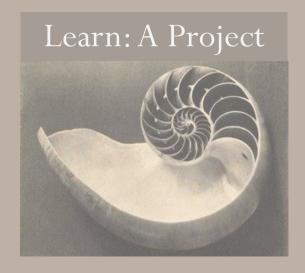
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"Whatever you think
you can do or believe
you can do, begin it;
for action has both
magic and grace in it."

- Goethe

### **HISTORY**

The Literacy Coalition began in 1988. Since then, volunteer tutors have been working to increase the literacy level of Fulton County adults.

Some of the previous efforts have included English as a second language and working with families to increase awareness of the need for early childhood introduction to reading.

In addition, the Literacy Coalition provided, and still does, new books to children in Fulton County Head Start, Healthy Families, WIC, and all newborns delivered at Woodlawn Hospital.

In 2016 *The Literacy Coalition* was re-branded as *Learn: A Project* and officially became a department of the Fulton County Public Library.

#### **MISSION**

The vision of *Learn* is to create a presence of learning in the library Tutors are considered research assistants to self-directed learners. The mission is to teach individuals how to learn, rather than what to learn.

Learning is understood as relationships in one's life. These relationships includes reading, writing, study, and basic technological skills. *Learn* uses a project-based philosophy and whole language approach to create this presence of learning.

It is the belief of the current director that the best teachers are those who are still learning. *Learn* is a community effort. Our hope is that in understanding the learning process, one can engage their community in ways that embrace compassion, simplicity, and humility.

## **PROJECTS**

Study: Need help with subjects ranging from numbers to technology? This project defines financial literacy, computer skills, and study. Math in original Greek means, "to study."

**Read:** Tutoring in a one-to-one setting for anyone who struggles with reading. Books are used as the means and end of exploring the complexity of decoding and comprehending.

Write: A project that promotes writing through journaling, inspiration, and studying lives of other writers. The mission statement for Write is, "There is no right or wrong, only write."

Friend: Come read with a new furry friend. Our dogs are certified therapy animals. The dogs are used to assist adults and children with reading anxieties.