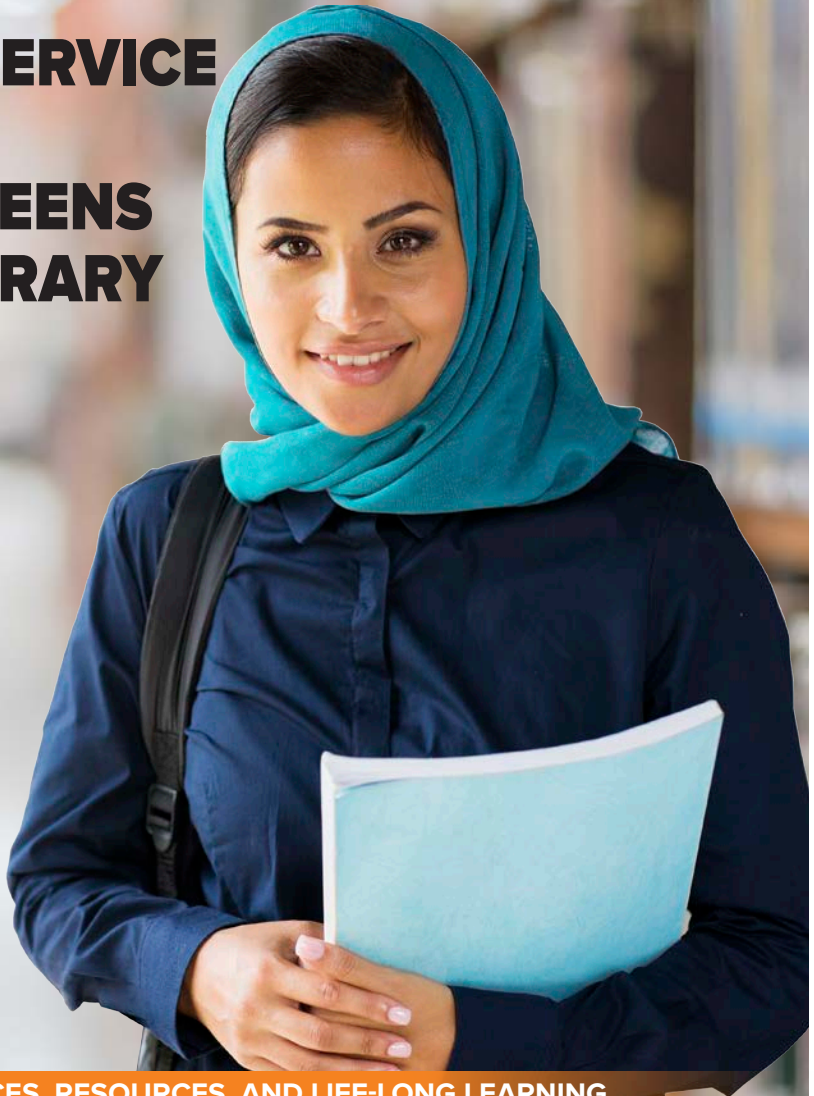


# **ADULT LEARNER PROGRAM**

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**SERVICES, RESOURCES, AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUEENS COMMUNITIES**

## Adult Learner Program

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### OUR MISSION

Queens Library's Adult Learner Program provides classes, small group tutoring and other learning opportunities to help customers learn English, learn to read and write, and obtain a high school diploma. As part of the Library's Adult Learning services, job search help, business development help, job skills training, international cultural programs, informational workshops for new immigrants and community-based English classes are available to customers through the Job & Business Academy and the New Americans Program.

All programs, classes, services, and resources offered by the Adult Learner Program are FREE with a Queens Library card.

### PROGRAMS OFFERED:

**Learn English (English as a Second or Other Language/ESOL)**

**Learn to Read and Write (Adult Basic Education/ABE)**

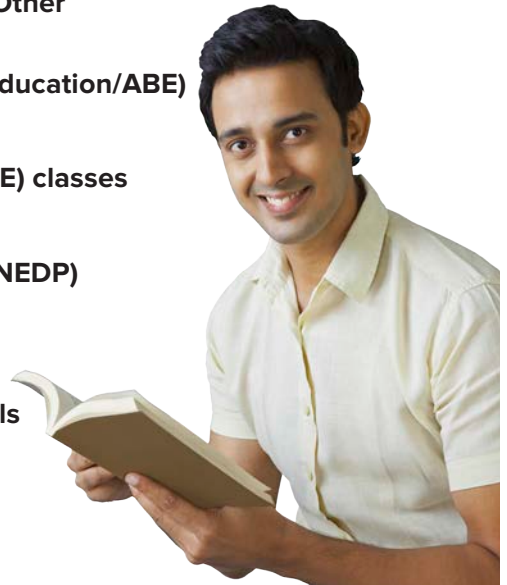
**Obtain a High School Diploma**

- **Pre-High School Equivalency (Pre-HSE) classes**
- **TASC Testing (formerly the GED)**
- **National External Diploma Program (NEDP)**

**Citizenship Preparation**

**Technology Training**

**Social Services Assistance and Referrals**



**Please check out our website for class schedules and more information:**

Adult Learning Center:

[www.queenslibrary.org/adultlearning](http://www.queenslibrary.org/adultlearning).

Young Adult Literacy Program:

[www.queenslibrary.org/yalp](http://www.queenslibrary.org/yalp).



## **ADULT LEARNING CENTERS (ALCs)**

Queens Library has seven Adult Learning Centers with highly qualified professional staff and volunteers who provide educational assistance to adults 17 years of age and older. For more information, please visit our website at: [www.queenslibrary.org/adultlearning](http://www.queenslibrary.org/adultlearning).

## **ENGLISH AS A SECOND OR OTHER LANGUAGE (ESOL)**

The Adult Learning Centers provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Classes for Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced students. This program emphasizes how to speak and understand English through classes, small conversation practice groups, and computer-assisted instruction programs, as well as books, audio and video materials for self-study. Vocabulary and grammar are conveyed through lessons about everyday situations, such as going to the doctor or supermarket, or renting an apartment. Classes are scheduled during evening, daytime and weekends. English classes are also offered in various community libraries through New Americans Program's ESOL services.

## **ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE)**

The Adult Learning Centers provide Adult Basic Education (ABE) Classes in basic math, reading, and writing skills. Adults enrolled in ABE classes can begin with basic literacy skills and advance to high school equivalency preparation, postsecondary education, and vocational training. Real-world materials are used to enhance the educational experience of the adult learner at every stage. ABE classes are offered via in-class and computer-assisted instruction programs at the Adult Learning Centers. Classes are scheduled during evening, daytime, and weekends.

### PRE-HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CLASSES (PRE-HSE)

New York State has a new high school equivalency test called the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) which replaces the General Educational Development (GED) as the primary pathway to a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma. The Queens Library offers free preparation classes for this test to provide adult learners who can already read and do basic math with instruction in subject areas required to pass the TASC and simulated practice tests. Preparation for the TASC is offered via in-class and computer-assisted instruction programs at the Adult Learning Centers. Classes are scheduled during evening, daytime, and weekends. Our highly qualified instructors will review and focus on the major subject areas of the test encompassing mathematics, science, social studies, reading, and writing and provide strategies for test-taking and time management.

### ADULT LEARNING CENTER LOCATIONS

<http://www.queenslibrary.org/adultlearning>

**Central ALC**  
89-11 Merrick Blvd.  
Jamaica, NY 11432  
718-990-0754

**Jeanne Elmezzi ALC**  
37-44 21st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
718-752-3723

**Rochdale ALC**  
169-09 137th Avenue  
Jamaica, NY 11434  
718-723-7662

**Elmhurst ALC**  
86-07 Broadway  
Elmhurst, NY 11373  
718-699-3302

**Peninsula ALC**  
92-25 Rockaway Beach  
Bldv, Rockaway Beach,  
NY, 11693  
718-945-7058

**Jackson Heights ALC**  
35-51 81 Street  
Jackson Heights  
NY, 11372  
718-899-2500

**Flushing ALC**  
41-17 Main Street  
Flushing, NY 11355  
718-661-1241



## TWO PATHWAYS TO OBTAIN YOUR HSE DIPLOMA

Queens Library Adult Learner Program provides two pathways to obtaining your High School Equivalency diploma!



### Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) (formerly the GED)

New York State has a new high school equivalency test called the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) which replaces the General Educational Development (GED) as the primary pathway to a New York State High School Equivalency Diploma. The test takes approximately nine hours to complete and includes a writing assessment. The test is available to adults who did not graduate from high school or whose diplomas may not be recognized by New York State. Queens Library offers the TASC exam on the computer in English and Spanish. TASC test results will be distributed approximately five to six weeks from the date of testing. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.queenslibrary.org/services/adult-literacy/adult-learner-program/hse-resources>.

### National External Diploma Program (NEDP)

The National External Diploma Program (NEDP) is a web-based assessment program that allows adults and out-of-school youth (18+) to demonstrate knowledge and skills for which a New York State High School diploma may be awarded. NEDP is a competency-based system that expects adults to demonstrate their ability in a series of simulations that parallel job and life situations. In this program, students can work completely online, meet with an assessor weekly, and maintain flexibility and confidentiality. Plus, students can work towards their diploma at home, the library, or wherever they have access to a computer. Earning a high school diploma through the NEDP takes 6 to 12 months. If you are interested in finding out if the NEDP is right for you, please visit our website at: <http://www.queenslibrary.org/services/adult-literacy/adult-learner-program/nedp-program>.



### **YOUNG ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM (YALP)**

YALP provides educational assistance to young adults 16-24 years of age. The Queens Library's Young Adult Literacy Program serves as a resource and referral center and provides young adult participants with a wide array of instructional, vocational, recreational, family support, and social services. YALP services include Pre-HSE (High School Equivalency) classes using Common Core literacy and math curricula, job readiness and resume preparation workshops, computer-assisted instruction, multicultural workshops, internships, and 5 hours of case management services weekly. For more information, please go to [www.queenslibrary.org/yalp](http://www.queenslibrary.org/yalp).

### **ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

Staff will encourage strong academic performance through support and encouragement, direct services or referral to appropriate services. All young adult participants are encouraged to consider higher education as a desirable follow-up to high school graduation.

### **COLLEGE AND CAREER ACCESS**

All young people should feel optimistic and prepared for the future they envision for themselves. For some young people that is college or trade school, while for others it is careers or the military. Staff will work with young people to plan for their chosen future and ensure they have the resources and skills to be successful in that choice.





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<http://www.queenslibrary.org/services/yalp>

**Central Library**  
89-11 Merrick Blvd.  
Jamaica, NY 11432  
718-480-4230

**Far Rockaway**  
10-03 Beach 20th St.  
Far Rockaway, NY 11691  
718-471-5605

**Astoria Library**  
14-01 Astoria Blvd.  
Long Island City  
NY 11102  
718-278-2220



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