



Winnebago Area Literacy Council Receives \$10,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Adult Literacy

Oshkosh, Wisconsin – **May 27, 2026** – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) recently awarded Winnebago Area Literacy Council a \$10,000 grant to support adult literacy. The funds contribute to a record-setting, single-day total of nearly \$16 million in grants nationwide—supporting adult, family, and summer literacy programs in the 48 states where Dollar General operates. The milestone surpasses the Foundation’s previous record of more than \$13.2 million granted in [May 2025](#).

“WALC was founded in 1989, and since then, we have provided free adult literacy programs designed to help individuals strengthen reading, writing, English language, and workplace skills in a supportive, learner-centered environment,” said Dr. Chu May Paing, executive director of Winnebago Area Literacy Council. “Serving more than 400 adult learners each year across three physical sites, WALC offers a variety of adult literacy programs ranging from group ESL classes and one-on-one tutoring to onsite workplace literacy and civic literacy initiatives such as Monthly Immigration Learning Circles, which recently received the Statewide Civic Visionary Award from the Wisconsin Alliance for Civic Trust. We are committed to eliminating barriers such as transportation, childcare, and language access so that adults and families can not only survive but thrive in today’s evolving world.”

“Since the Foundation’s inception in 1993, our focus has remained on making meaningful investments in students, teachers, and the organizations that support literacy and learning at every stage of life,” said Denine Torr, executive director of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. “We are grateful for the impact teachers and educators make every day and are excited to have another record setting year of helping expand literacy access for learners of all ages. These funds will help educators enhance their instruction and create opportunities that help empower students to reach their full potential.”

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, stimulate and enable innovation in the delivery of educational instruction and inspire a love of reading. Each year, DGLF awards funds to nonprofit organizations, schools, and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs. The Foundation also offers a student referral program for individuals interested in learning how to read, speak English, or prepare for the high school equivalency exam. Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available online [here](#) or through referral cards found in the Learn to Read brochures that are available at the cash register of every Dollar General store.

The Foundation plans to launch its seventh annual [The Yellow Glasses Project](#) campaign on July 20, 2026, in which customers can purchase yellow sunglasses at Dollar General stores for \$2 each to benefit the DGLF.

About the Winnebago Area Literacy Council

Winnebago Area Literacy Council (WALC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1989, empowers adults to overcome barriers to education and economic opportunity across Northeast Wisconsin’s Fox Valley. Based in Oshkosh—a refugee resettlement community—WALC is dedicated to advancing the leadership, stability, and self-sufficiency of immigrant and refugee women and adults.

About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$292 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 25 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. Each year, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides financial support to schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of Dollar General stores and distribution centers. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation or apply for a literacy grant, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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