

# Our readers' views

## Tutor for literacy program

The problem facing immigrants who can't read or write in their native languages, reported Jan. 7, "English a challenge for the illiterate," is a challenge we face right here in our community and in the Adult Literacy Program at Clark College.

We have learners from all over the world, some of whom struggle not only with speaking English but with basic literacy. They might never have attended school, having had to work instead to help support their families. Political turmoil might have disrupted the educational system in their countries. A few cultures don't even have a written language.

And sadly, we have people born in this country with minimal reading and writing skills.

If you're interested in helping people learn to read and write English, contact the Adult Literacy Program ([ltlab@clark.edu](mailto:ltlab@clark.edu), 992-2750). We will have a training next month to prepare volunteer tutors.

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