

ROWAN COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL



LOCAL LITERACY FACTS







13.1% OF ROWAN COUNTY RESIDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 25 DO NOT HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. 9.2 % OF ROWAN COUNTY RESIDENTS SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME. 66% OF STUDENTS IN ROWAN-SALISBURY SCHOOLS ARE NOT PROFICIENT IN READING.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, North Carolina School Report Cards: Rowan-Salisbury Schools 2021-22 District Profile



2022 Recap

During 2022, we continued to provide free adult basic education, adult ESL, youth literacy, citizenship prep and GED prep to residents of Rowan County.

Our work would not have been possible without the ongoing support of our tutors, donors, funders, and community partners.



Adult Basic Education Program

During 2022, we served 16
Adult Basic Education
Students. These students
were seeking assistance
preparing for the GED, or
in improving their general
literacy skills in order to
obtain/improve
employment or be more
involved in their children's
education.

2022 Citizenship & GED



- 1 student became a US citizen during 2022.
- 1 student passed the GED. Several other students are studying to take the test in 2023.



Adult ESL Program

We enrolled 63 adult English as a Second Language (ESL) students in 2022.

Their goals include obtaining employment, completing job certification courses, getting driver's licenses, helping with their children's schoolwork and improving conversation skills.

Adult Program Results

We reassess students after every 50 hours of instructional time using the CASAS testing system.

- Our Adult students increased an average of 4.8 points
- 66% of re-assessed adult students increased abilities by 1 or more grade levels.



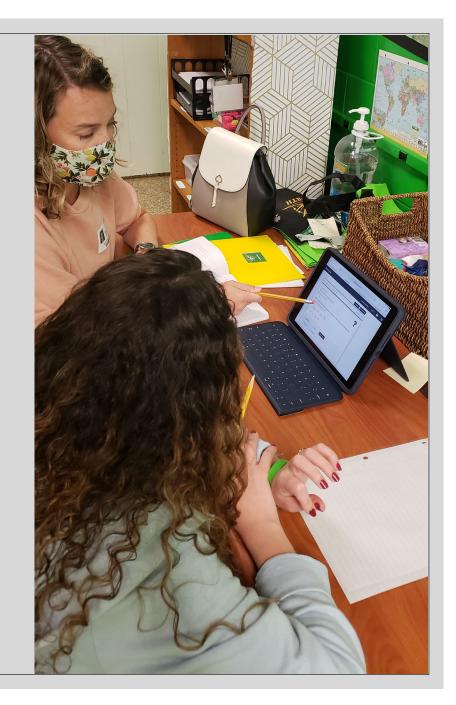
Learning together...

In 2022, we partnered with Rufty-Holmes Senior Center to launch a popular dual-language conversation class called "Spanglish."

Students in this group help each other improve their command of spoken Spanish or English.

Youth Program

- In 2022 we tutored 84 Youth Literacy students.
- Students met with tutors at various Rowan-Salisbury Schools Sites during the school day or after school at the Rowan Public Library.
- This represents a 16% increase over 2021.



Youth Program Results

- 86% of our Elementary students gained 2 or more levels during the 2021-2022 school year, with the average gain being 4.5 reading levels.
- Our 2021-2022 students at NRHS had a 77% pass rate for the classes in which they were tutored.

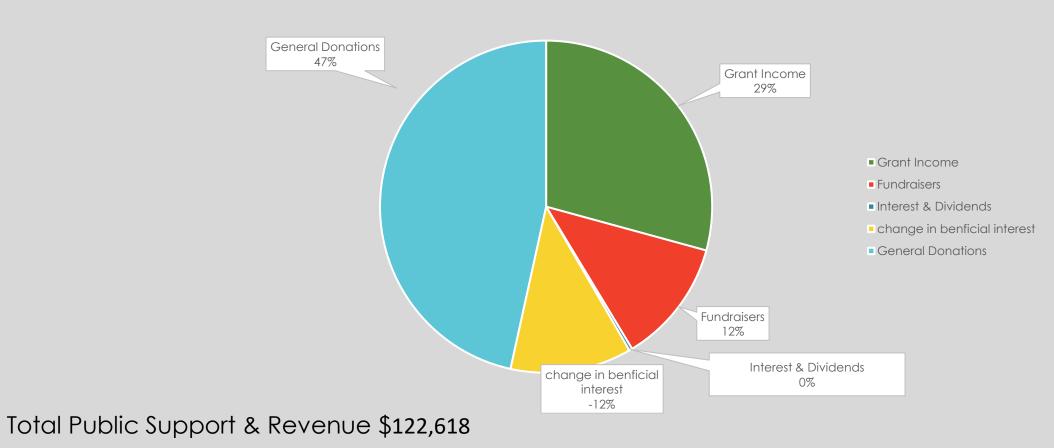
The Race to 80

- RCLC was awarded a 2022 Youth Literacy materials grant from Dollar General Foundation.
- We used the funds to purchase bookcases and provide gift certificates and vouchers to students so that they could choose their own reading matter.
- Studies show that students who grow up in homes with 80+ books have greater literacy and numeracy as adults.

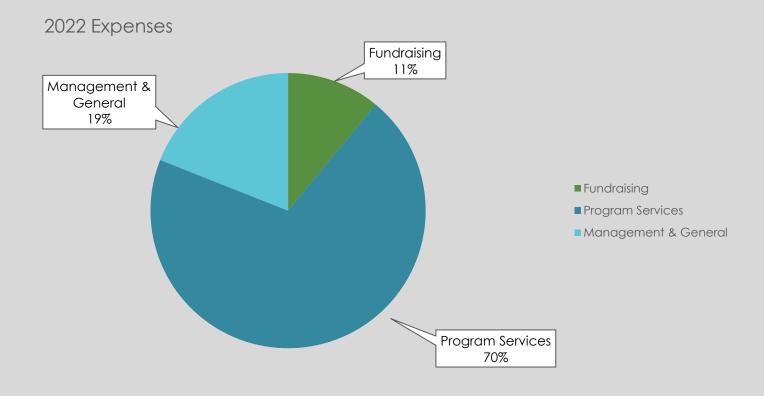


2022 Income





2022 Expenses



Total Expense: \$121,338



2022 Volunteer Hours

70 dedicated tutors volunteered over 3,015 hours during 2022, equivalent to \$95,893 of in-kind support.

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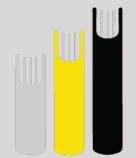
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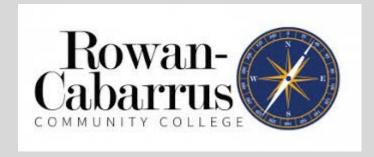


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"To learn to read is to light a fire."

As we review our 2022 highlights, we see that it was not only busy, but filled with several notable accomplishments, including:

- Two successful fundraisers
- Increase in number of students served
- Expansion of community outreach through a new partnership with Rufty-Holmes Senior Center
- Promotion of home libraries through our Race to 80 bookshelf initiative.

These accomplishments wouldn't have been possible without the help of our tutors, funders, donors, and community partners.

Thank you for helping make 2022 a success.

