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Huntington library receives grant to teach reading, writing

The Huntington Valley Affiliate of Literacy Volunteers of America has received a $21,540 grant to develop a community literacy program at the Huntington Beach Central Library to teach people how to read and write.

The grant, issued by the United States Department of Education through the Library Services and Construction Act, was approved by the City Council last week. Funds from the grant will pay the salary of a part-time literacy coordinator and purchase a computer system for instruction and office use.

Huntington Valley, a two-year-old affiliate of Literacy Volunteers, has had offices in the library since August. It serves Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster, offering free tutoring to adult non-readers and people learning English as a second language.

Before receiving the grant, the group had to rely on public and private donations and volunteers. Literacy Volunteers is a national organization fighting illiteracy on the premise that well-trained volunteers can be effective tutors.