

Taylor County Public Library in partnership with Taylor County Adult Learning Center



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- ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP -



Taylor County Public Library started collaborating with the Taylor County Adult Learning Center in 2022 by providing ESL classes to meet the needs of a growing community whose first language is not English.

- US News & World Report (2018)
Campbellsville University has the
6th most international students
in the South.



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Campbellsville is a rural area with limited access to informational resources, which can make English language learners feel isolated due to language barriers.

- Classes are weekly for 60 minutes and are open to all levels of English language learners.



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- TCPL'S ROLE AND INVOLVEMENT WITH TCALC -

- KDLA ELL GRANT
- Space: TCPL Community Room
- Resources: Learning materials
- Support: Advertising and in-class support



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- **KDLA ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING GRANT** -



After TCPL and TCALC began to partner in providing an ESL Class, TCPL applied for an English Language Learning Grant offered through the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, to expand the ESL program



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- **KDLA ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING GRANT** -



The KDLA ELL grant provided a way to secure resources and learning tools to be used in the ESL classroom

- ESL books
- Vocabulary building flashcards
- Language translator device
- Laptop with access to Rosetta Stone
- TEFL/TESOL Certification



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- WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED -

- Outreach
- Be culturally aware
- Patience
- Cultivate relationships



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- WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED -

- Outreach - Be proactive in reaching out to the ELL community. Most people who attend our ESL class, we have had to approach them to make them aware ESL classes are offered freely to them.

Do not rely solely on advertising or flyers.



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- WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED -

- Be culturally aware - Get to know your ELL community and students. Many English language learners come from outside the U.S. and have diverse backgrounds, religions, and cultural practices. It is important to create an inclusive and safe learning atmosphere that shows an appreciation of diversity.



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- WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED -

- Patience - Having patience is key to getting ELL community members to join ESL/ELL classes. Some people require time and trust before they will attend a class.

Having patience inside the classroom is also important. ESL/ELL teachers should make the conscious decision to slow things down and allow students to take their time.



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- WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED -

- Cultivate relationships - Members of the ELL community can be hard to reach and may not be very trusting. They may feel uncomfortable or unsafe going to unknown locations and speaking to strangers. Reach out to community partners and local organizations and businesses to help build relationships with the ELL community.



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- QUESTIONS? -

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