

SHELBY LITERACY CENTER Receives \$14,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Adult and Family Literacy

Collierville, TN – **June 4, 2026** – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) recently awarded Shelby Literacy Center a \$14,000 grant to support adult and family literacy programs. 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](#).

Executive Director Pam DeMato is excited about the funding. “Literacy is the great equalizer. By providing opportunities to learn literacy and life skills, we walk alongside parents and their families while they work to increase their family incomes, find satisfying careers, and participate more fully in our communities. This grant will enable us to serve more adults and their families this year.”

Shelby Literacy Center offers English language classes, HiSET/GED tutoring, and a new career class, Learn to Earn. The funding will allow the Center to hire more instructors, purchase curriculum, and train volunteers.

“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 Shelby Literacy Center

[Shelby Literacy Center](#) empowers adults and their families to reach personal goals by providing opportunities to build literacy and life skills in a safe, welcoming environment. For more than 35 years, the local nonprofit has enriched communities through adult and family literacy, offering programs such as English classes, HiSET support, citizenship tutoring, and career skills training. To learn more about our classes or volunteer opportunities, please visit www.shelbyliteracy.com.

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.