

# Resources to support beginning level literacy learning



[Health Literacy Resources](#) from the Health Literacy Partnership at Calgary Immigrant Women's Association: This website offers tools specifically designed for beginning adult literacy learners, and the healthcare professionals and literacy practitioners who work with them. The site contains free tools to assist beginning literacy learners access healthcare services including a healthcare passport, and 6 healthcare access videos, in English and 7 other languages, plus accompanying photo storybooks, activity pages, and a teacher's guide. The resources are designed to be applicable across Canada, not just in Alberta's health system.



[LESLLA.org](#): Literacy Education and Second Language Learning for Adults is an excellent, inviting, and supportive international organization dedicated to sharing info on effective teaching practices, current research, and policies that affect adult migrant language and literacy learners. There is a valuable LESLLA listserv that you can join, and yearly conferences.



[EU-Speak project](#): This multi-year project created resources and learning modules for training teachers and volunteers working with adult migrant language and literacy learners. The EU-speak project created 6 modules (or online courses) to share what the research tells us about how adults learn literacy for the first time and effective pedagogical practices. They also put together a compendium of materials from the modules called [Teaching Adult Immigrants and Training Their Teachers](#), which is free and packed with info.



[The ESL Literacy Readers](#), from Bow Valley College, Calgary - You may already know these readers, but if not, you should get to know them! :) They are fantastic resources developed for beginning adult language and literacy learners. Teachers love using them because they are really well designed, not only be interesting to learners but to support all kinds of good pedagogical practices.



[Practical Guide to Teaching ESL Literacy](#), from Bow Valley College in Calgary – This is not a new resource but it is very valuable work. Bow Valley College's School of Global Access has many resources available if you search "[esl literacy](#)" on their site.



[Eye on Literacy](#) and [GrassRoots Press](#), are two Canadian publishers that offer materials for purchase that are specifically designed for beginning adult language and literacy learners, including wordless picture books.

