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### **Reach out to READ ... help someone read in 2010**

January 21, 2010 - - - If you've ever thought about helping someone improve their reading, writing, speaking, and listening now is the time. READ Saskatoon needs your help. We have over 75 adults waiting for volunteer literacy tutors.

Did you know that low literacy knows no stereotypes? More than 1/3 of Saskatchewan adults experience challenges daily because of low literacy. Nearly half of Saskatoon individuals aged 18 to 24 say they need to improve their literacy skills to improve their employment opportunities.

Sheryl Harrow, Executive Director of READ Saskatoon says, "READ Saskatoon is a *first step* organization for many adults wanting to improve their literacy. Our hope is to have enough volunteers so that when someone makes up their mind to change their future, we don't have to make them wait. At the moment we need our community's support as many of our adult learners have been waiting over three months to be matched with a volunteer tutor."

Tutoring works around your schedule! READ Saskatoon Literacy tutors receive training, ongoing support and access to free resources. Commitment is 2-3 hours per week, you meet in a public location and confidentiality must be upheld. Training is available in January, March, April and May.

To find out more about becoming a literacy volunteer or to register call 652-5448. Or visit [www.READSaskatoon.com](http://www.READSaskatoon.com)

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*READ Saskatoon* is a volunteer literacy organization that provides free literacy services to adults and families. Our *vision* is to help support a community that values literacy.