



Fox's Story



In today's world, literacy has become expected and assumed. Yet, the inability to perform such tasks like reading/writing is not only a pervasive problem, but a reality for so many, including "Fox." Fox is a middle-aged man who grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has four children, two sons, two daughters, and several grandkids that he provides for. Fox has been installing furniture for banks, hospitals, call centers, and for anyone else who needs a hand in moving heavy appliances in order to make a living. When he isn't working, Fox loves to be outside. Fox stated that he enjoys the outdoors, riding bikes, running, fishing, and giving a hand to elderly folks. Fox enjoys his life, yet has one major obstacle holding him back: the inability to read.

Throughout his life, Fox has struggled with literacy. From having a hard time reading signs and medicine bottle prescriptions, to having difficulty paying the bills. The hardship of illiteracy affected Fox's life very early on. Fox had attempted to seek help, but no one around him could provide the tutelage needed. The defining moment for Fox was his attendance at a job fair and being unable to apply because the application was too difficult to read. Fox made a monumental decision to join The Literacy Council, an organization designed to promote reading and writing to those who struggle with it, as illustrated in a flyer around town. This was one of the most important decisions Fox ever made, as he is receiving the help he needs from a trained tutor. Now, Fox is learning to read, sounding out words, typing on the computer, and working on pronunciation.

The Literacy Council provides Fox with a whole new future by helping him read and supporting him in obtaining his GED. Fox wants to be able to read effectively, allowing him to apply for a better, more lucrative job to help with his kids. He wants to be able to fill out a job application completely and that is what The Literacy Council is trying to help Fox and many others with. Whether it's new reading skills or merely moral support, Fox believes that The Literacy Council "opens up a whole new future for people to move up in their jobs and to be able to help their grandkids."

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