

GED RELAUNCH AT THE PACOLET BRANCH LIBRARY

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The Pacolet Library is relaunching the GED Preparation Program to the Pacolet community. In 2017, the library teamed up with the Adult Learning Center to offer GED Prep and pre-testing. The library provided study materials and sessions with a tutor for free. Eight Pacolet residents were able to complete the program and graduate with their GED.

In 2020, the program was placed on hold when the library closed due to the pandemic and the COVID-19 restrictions implemented by the library. In March 2021, the Pacolet Library was awarded the American Library Association American Dream Literacy Initiative Grant to relaunch the program. This grant

is funded through a project by the American Library Association and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Leverne McBeth, Pacolet Branch Librarian, said, “We can now offer scholarships to students enrolled in our program and incentives to people interested in tutoring GED students.”

To sign up, a person will need a South Carolina driver’s license or photo identification and call or stop by the Pacolet Library. Library staff will submit their information to the Adult Learning Center in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The Adult Learning Center will call them and schedule a face-to-face appointment at the Pacolet Library. The appointment will include a pre-GED test and registration for the GED program. There is a \$25 registration for the program. The library will give the student a schedule for the GED Study Sessions, access to a tutor, and a free library card to access print and online resources.

To become a tutor, a person will need to fill out an application and turn it into the Pacolet Library. This tutoring opportunity is open to adults, and the library will offer incentives for your service.

GED Study Sessions will be offered during the summer months. Please call the Pacolet Library for the current schedule. Everyone will be asked to practice social distancing and masks are also encouraged.

