Gladden tutors adults at Read to Succeed

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Phil Gladden decided to volunteer three years ago for a selfish reason, he said.
"It looks good on an application to have volunteer time," he said.

Since then, he's tutored a dozen adults, teaching them how to read or work toward passing their General Educational Development Test (GED). He's one of up to 60 volunteers who provide free one-on-one tutoring at Read to Succeed, an adult literacy center through the Tulare County Library.

More tutors are needed, said Sue Gillison, program director. Nine adults are on a waiting list for tutors. Now is the time to sign up for a one day volunteer training session.

Gladden, 48, tutors three adults three hours a week.
"[Phil] is one of our heroes," she said. "He doesn't know how to say no."

He comes from a medical background, having worked as an Emergency Medical Technician for an ambulance company in Visalia for most of his life until he injured his back a year ago. He graduated from Redwood High School in 1982 and received an associate degree from College of the Sequoias.

Phil Gladden, 48, of Visalia, is a tutor at Read to Succeed, a free adult literacy center offered through the Tulare County Library. He volunteers three hours a week.

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HOW TO VOLUNTEER

What: Read to Succeed volunteer training

When: 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 24

Where: Read to Succeed Tulare County Library Literacy Center, 417 N. Locust St., Visalia

Cost: There is no charge to attend the training session and no obligation to become a tutor.

Info: Read to Succeed 713-2745 or readtosucce@visaliatimesdelta.com