Project Read at the San Mateo Public Library is one of 106 library programs in California helping adults improve their reading, writing, and communication skills. This article describes a dozen strategies used with Project 90 (a residential drug and alcohol recovery program for men) participants. These strategies assist them in improving and gaining the writing skills needed to navigate a challenging economics in the world of work. A follow-up grant project will provide video vignettes of tutors working with Project 90 participants and instructional materials to be housed on the California Library website.