

# Advancing Literacy

A Monthly Newsletter from The Literacy Alliance



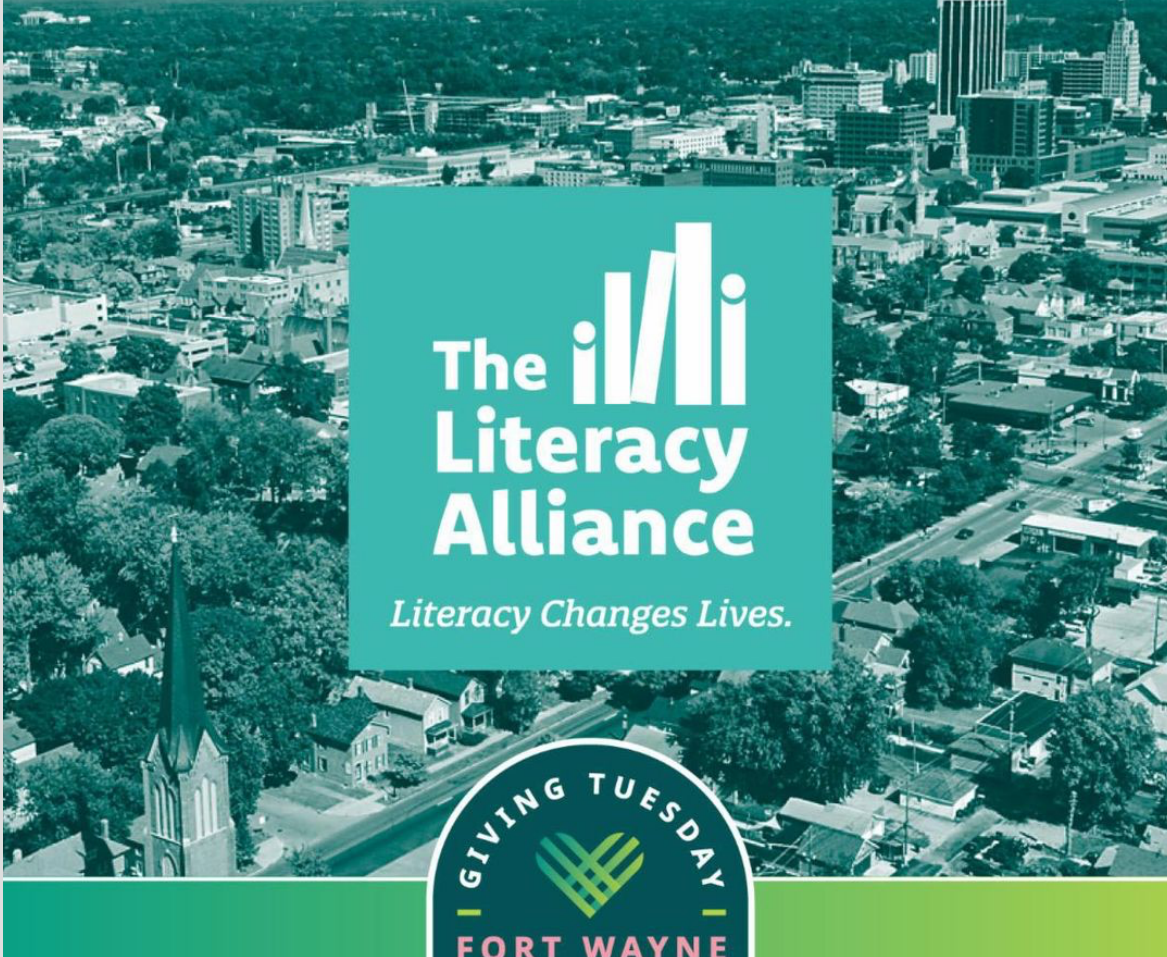
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November 1-20, 2023

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This year, we have not only seen our Project Graduate enrollment grow, but with your help, we also have seen the demand for our Project Connect program triple. As we continue to grow and change, we must think about our sustainability in the future.

The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne has challenged us to inspire you to help us raise money for our sustainability. As part of the #GivingTuesday Fort Wayne Challenge, from November 1 through November 20, 2023, we are asking for gifts that will help grow our endowment at the Community Foundation.

**Please help us continue our mission of life-changing literacy.**

Gifts of all sizes are welcome and you have until midnight on Monday, November 20, 2023, to help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 for our endowment, which the Community Foundation will **match by 20%**! Donate online or for an estate gift, call (260) 426-4083 to help us remain in our community well into the future.

*If we out-fundraise our peers by November 21, we will be surprised on #GivingTuesday, November 28, 2023, with an additional unrestricted gift from the Community Foundation!*

With gratitude this giving season,

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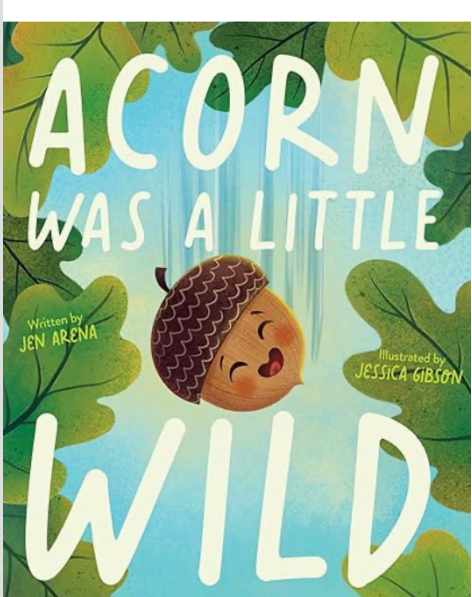


## Student Spotlight: Tyonna

I advise anyone reading this not to give up; it may not be easy, but it is worth it... If no one believes in you, believe in yourself...." [Visit our blog](#) to read more about Tyonna's educational journey.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Cindy

"By far, the people I get to work with are the best part of the experience. The staff and students are AWESOME! The laughter and encouragement are the best! Seeing them earn their GEDs and..." [Visit our blog](#) to read more about Cindy and her experience at TLA.



## Project Reads Book of the Month

**Acorn Was a Little Wild**  
by Jen Arena (Author), Jessica Gibson (illustrator)  
Ages 4-8 | 40 pages | Grade level K-3

Acorn is a little wild, and from his oak tree perch, he longs for adventure. When he's the first of his friends to jump off the oak tree, he's on his way into the wide world, full of new experiences that fill his little heart with excitement!

But when a squirrel buries Acorn deep underground, the thrill-seeking Acorn finds himself forced to stay still, in the darkness, for a long time. To turn this biggest setback into a wild adventure, Acorn may have to change from the inside out.

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Become a member of The Stabelli Society by including The Literacy Alliance (TLA) in your estate plans.

Members of this society enjoy special recognition (or anonymity) in donor publications and are invited, as our guests, to all TLA events. Gifts large and small are essential to the long-term vitality of TLA. If you have planned a future gift in your estate or will, please let us know. If you haven't yet, we hope you consider it in order to build a legacy of literacy.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Weldon via [email](#) or call (260) 265-1940 for more information.



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