

Advancing Literacy

A Monthly Newsletter from The Literacy Alliance



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Student **K'Laiya**
Study Elementary

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Thank You, Comcast, for the Gift of Digital Literacy!

The Literacy Alliance was overwhelmed by Comcast's generosity in late July when we were awarded not only a \$50,000 grant but 50 laptops! With this gift, we will increase digital navigation and internet access for our students, who often lack access to a computer and the internet.

United Way Day of Caring 2023

Thank you to the great team from **Old National Bank**, who came by and helped us by building 15 (!!) bookshelves for our Habitat for Humanity bookshelf program. The Literacy Alliance provides each new Habitat homeowner with a bookcase and starter library.



Student Spotlight: Ashton

"I saw TLA online. My experience with school was terrible because they told me I wouldn't graduate, would be a failure..." [Visit our blog](#) to read Ashton's educational journey to his HSE diploma.



Tickets Are Going Fast!

The Funniest Fundraiser in the Fort Is Back!

Laughs for Literacy!
Friday, September 22, 2023

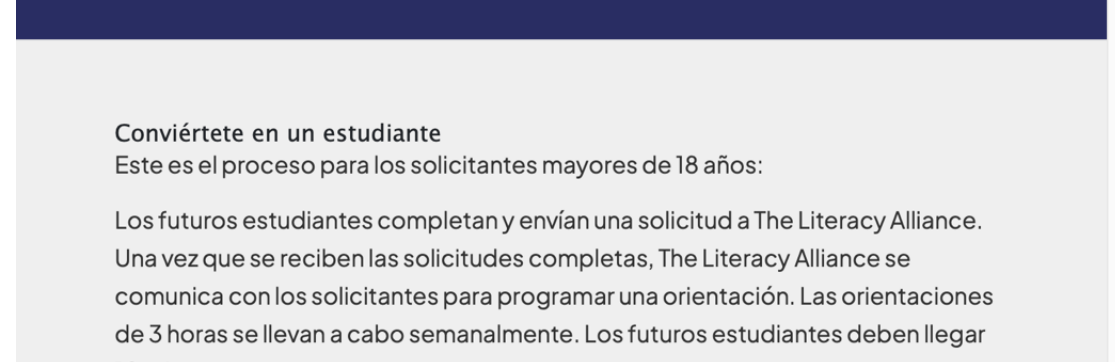
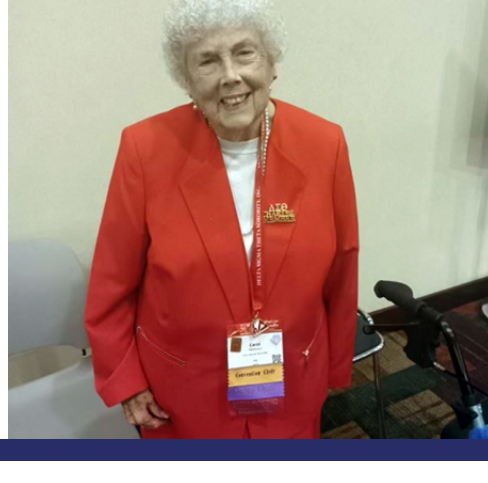
Support a great cause by spending the evening laughing with friends and neighbors at the *Funniest Fundraiser in the Fort!*

Tickets are \$65 for general admission.
Seating is limited, so get your tickets today!

[Get Your Tickets Now!](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: Carol

"If you want to help someone, whether a child or adult, go for it. The Literacy Alliance definitely could use your help with the growing number of students." [Visit our blog](#) to read more about Carol and her experience at TLA.



Conviértete en un estudiante
Este es el proceso para los solicitantes mayores de 18 años:

Los futuros estudiantes completan y envían una solicitud a The Literacy Alliance. Una vez que se reciben las solicitudes completas, The Literacy Alliance se comunica con los solicitantes para programar una orientación. Las orientaciones de 3 horas se llevan a cabo semanalmente. Los futuros estudiantes deben llegar 10 minutos antes.

En la orientación, los futuros estudiantes aprenden sobre el programa, obtienen respuestas a todas sus preguntas, completan el papeleo de nuevos estudiantes.

Spanish Application

With a huge thank you to Raquel Kline and the Language Services Network (LSN) team, we are happy to announce that The Literacy Alliance now has a Spanish version of our student application available. Community partners like LSN help TLA's programs reach more students every day!

Calling All Volunteers!

In order to serve the schools that have already signed up for Project Reads, we once again need 100+ volunteers. Our aim is to have all Project Read's sites up and running shortly after the start of the new school year. No prior experience is necessary, just a desire to be a positive influence the life of a child who needs extra help with literacy! Initial and ongoing training will be provided throughout the program year.



What is it like volunteering for Project Reads?
Project Reads volunteers conduct one-hour weekly meetings on a specific day of the week. Sessions take place immediately after dismissal at each school; start times vary from 2:30 pm to 3:45 pm Monday through Thursday. Volunteers typically work with one student for the entire school year. This allows volunteers and students to form an important and beneficial bond.

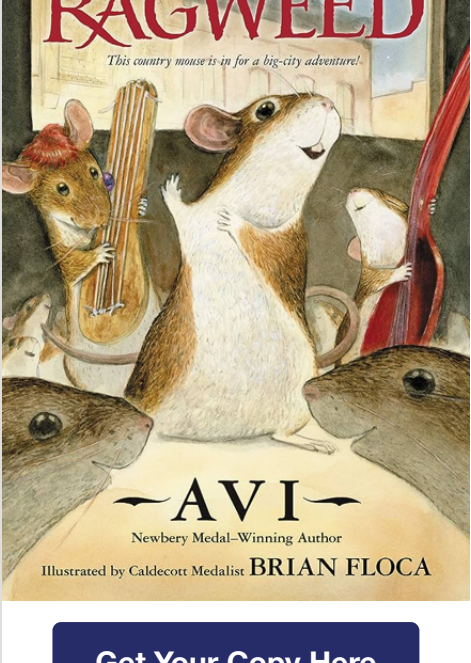
Have questions? Contact Nikki at 260-423-0008 or nikki@literacyalliance.org. Ready to sign up today? The [Volunteer Homepage](#) is open and ready for your application.

If you can't join us this year, please share this information with your friends!

Watch the video below to see how Project Reads makes a positive difference in the lives of our students.

Project Reads

K-3 Reading Program



Project Reads Book of the Month

Ragweed
by Avi (Author), Brian Floca (Illustrator)
Ages 8-| 208 pages | Grade level 3-7

The first book in the beloved Poppy series by Newbery Medal-winning author Avi, with illustrations from Caldecott Medal-winning artist Brian Floca

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A mouse has to do what a mouse has to do. Ragweed is determined to see the world. He leaves his family and cozy country home and sets off by train for the big city. What wonders await him: music, excitement, new friends...and cunning, carnivorous cats!

Silversides is the purring president of F.E.A.R. (Felines Enraged About Rodents), a group dedicated to keeping cats on top, people in the middle, and mice on the bottom. Can Ragweed and his motley yet musical crew of city mice—Clutch, Dipstick, Lugnut, and Blinker—band together to fight their feline foe?



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Literacy Changes Lives.

Our mission is to empower people and strengthen community through education.

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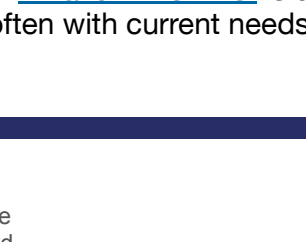
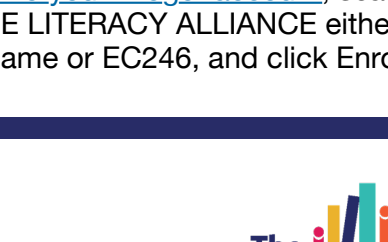
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