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**Project Graduate**  
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## Horizon Cares Day

We are grateful for the many hours of volunteering provided by the Horizon Bank team on November 28. Above is a photo of the team and below is a list of everything they accomplished for The Literacy Alliance.

- Assembled approximately 300 student folders
- Addressed approximately 200 envelopes
- Compiled approximately 200 volunteer thank you bags
- Updated 50 laptops
- Updated 50 iPads
- Updated 25 Chromebooks
- Laminated signage

Our organization depends heavily on volunteers, and we would not be able to serve our students in the same capacity were it not for the generosity of organizations like Horizon Bank. Thank you for making a difference in their lives by spending your *Horizon Cares Day* with us!



## Big Thanks to the Fire Police City County Federal Credit Union Team!

The Fire Police City County Federal Credit Union made a meaningful impact on our organization by delivering a generous donation. During their visit, they had the opportunity to explore our facility, gaining firsthand insight into what goes on inside TLA classrooms. By engaging with our students, FPCCFCU representatives could witness the direct impact of their support. They also shared details about the financial literacy resources they offer. We are grateful for their support and look forward to future collaborations.



## Student Spotlight: Javier

"I learned about The Literacy Alliance (TLA) through my current job. The factory I work for collaborates with TLA to offer on-the-job English classes. I started attending, and I enjoyed them. I had been thinking about going back to study for a while, and it was a sign for me to take the opportunity and go back to school. Once the classes at the factory ended..." [Visit our blog](#) to read more about Javier's educational journey.

## In the News: Five Questions for Javier Gonzalez and Anna Bau

Student Javier Gonzalez and Project Connect teacher, Anna Bau, were featured in the Journal Gazette Perspectives section on December 4, 2024.

Click the button below to read the article.

[Journal Gazette - Five Questions](#)



A Collaborative Event of The Literacy Alliance and Arena Dinner Theatre



# Mitch Albom's tuesdays with Morrie

January 19-28, 2024

### Friday and Saturday Performances

Doors open at 6:15 PM. Dinner is served at 7:00 PM.  
The performance starts at 8:00 PM.

### Sunday Matinee Performances

Doors open at 12:15 PM. Lunch is served at 1:00 PM.  
The performance starts at 2:00 PM.

### Menu:

Mixed Organic Greens Salad with Honey Dijon Dressing

Herb Roasted Brined Chicken Thigh (GF)  
Herb Roasted Portobello Mushroom (GF) (Vegetarian Option)

Wild Rice Pilaf

Sauteed Green Beans

Petite Pain Dinner Roll & Butter

Raspberry Mousse

Water

Old Crown Coffee – No Caffeine Here Decaf

Tea Selection: Earl Grey, Constant Comment – Decaf

Cash Bar

Catering by Walnut Hill Catering. Guests will be assigned to the best available seating at the time of ticket purchase.

**Click a date below to purchase your tickets for this special event!**

Friday,  
January 19, 2024

Saturday,  
January 20, 2024

Sunday,  
January 21, 2024

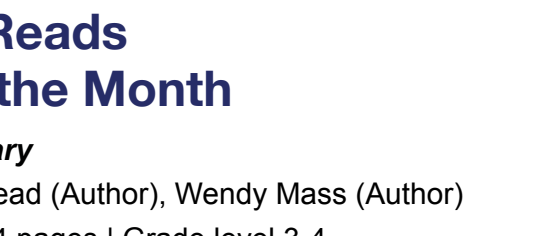
Friday,  
January 26, 2024

Saturday,  
January 27, 2024

Sunday,  
January 28, 2024

## Volunteer Spotlight: Katherine

"I have learned that spending just an hour a week working one-on-one with a child can make a big difference in their life and mine. I saw my student last year grow and mature in her abilities, and I'm seeing the same progress in my student this year. They, and the other students and tutors, enrich..." [Visit our blog](#) to read more about Kathrine and her experience at TLA.



Student Evelyn and Volunteer Katherine



## Project Reads Book of the Month

### The Lost Library

by Rebecca Stead (Author), Wendy Mass (Author)  
Ages 8-12 | 224 pages | Grade level 3-4

When a mysterious little free library (guarded by a large orange cat) appears overnight in the small town of Martinville, eleven-year-old Evan plucks two weathered books from its shelves, never suspecting that his life is about to change.

Evan and his best friend Rafe quickly discover a link between one of the old books and a long-ago event that none of the grown-ups want to talk about. The two boys start asking questions whose answers will transform not only their own futures, but the town itself.

[Get Your Copy Here](#)

## Donor Spotlight: Tim

"I am honored to serve on the board and contribute financially to an organization that supports education for children and adults. I believe..." [Visit our blog](#) to read more about Tim and why he continues to support the programs at TLA.



*Literacy Changes Lives.*

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

### You Can Help

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### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Friday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

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### 2021-2022 Annual Report

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The Literacy Alliance

[Click here to see the entire TLA team.](#)



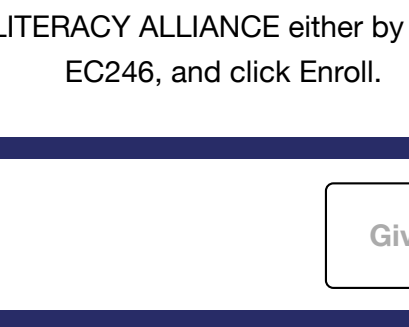
## The Stabelli Society

[literacyalliance.org/Stabelli](http://literacyalliance.org/Stabelli)

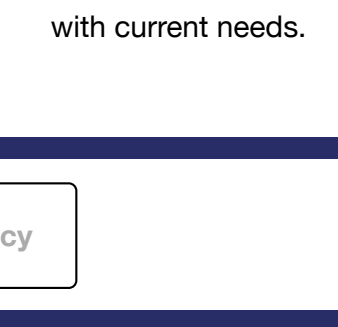
Become a member of The Stabelli Society by including The Literacy Alliance (TLA) in your estate plans.

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.

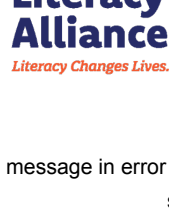


Log into your Kroger account, search for THE LITERACY ALLIANCE either by name or EC246, and click Enroll.



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