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### Student Spotlight: Gerardo

"No matter how many barriers are in front of you, you must charge right through! Thank you, Literacy Alliance, for everything you've done for me." [Visit our blog](#) to read more about Gerardo's experience at The Literacy Alliance.

## Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

The Volunteer Appreciation Celebration held Friday, June 21 at Ivy Tech, acknowledged our collective efforts, totaling 6,022 volunteer hours during this past program year. The dedication and generosity of our volunteers truly reflect the spirit of The Literacy Alliance. We hold this annual event to celebrate everything our volunteers do every day and to give us all a moment to reflect and recognize the positive impact they are making on our community. Thank you to our volunteers for your unwavering commitment and hard work; you truly are making it happen!

### Gordon Cole Outstanding Volunteer of the Year



#### Karlene Kompara

Karlene has been an invaluable volunteer with TLA for more than two years, contributing in various capacities including as a Project Connect and Project Built tutor. Currently, she is a primary volunteer at Amani Family Services, where she faithfully dedicates her time twice a week. Karlene's background as a Spanish teacher makes her an exceptional asset, particularly in translating and explaining grammar concepts to our students.

Karlene's commitment goes beyond the classroom. She orientates leads small groups, handles student orientations, and always makes an effort to ensure students feel comfortable and supported. Her sense of humor and patient demeanor help ease the learning process for everyone involved.

Her competence and consistent presence greatly enrich our classroom environment. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and love she dedicates to her service at TLA.

#### Kay Fawcett

Since 2011, Katherine (Kay) Fawcett has been dedicated to Project Reads, supporting students in their reading journey. Despite health challenges, she consistently shows up to aid her students. Katherine demonstrates flexibility by switching students when needed and assisting absent tutors' students whom she doesn't typically work with. Her contributions extend beyond tutoring; she organizes materials, tidies up after sessions, and ensures everything is in place.

Over 13 years, Kay has more than mastered regular tutoring roles, evident in the remarkable progress and newfound confidence of her students. Her patient, understanding, and compassionate approach to learning has made a significant impact. The students and staff of The Literacy Alliance Project Reads program consider themselves fortunate to have her, acknowledging her adeptness in navigating the program's evolving landscape since she first joined.



## The McLemore Society

In memory of Doyal McLemore and his decade-long dedication to volunteering, The Literacy Alliance has created The McLemore Society. This society proudly celebrates volunteers who have served The Literacy Alliance for ten years or more.

Doyal's legacy of kindness, warmth, and wisdom will be fondly remembered and cherished by all who were fortunate to know him.

The inaugural members of The McLemore Society include:

**Angela Derloshon**  
**Katherine Fawcett**  
**Mary Haynes**  
**Deborah Morse**  
**Renee Procise**

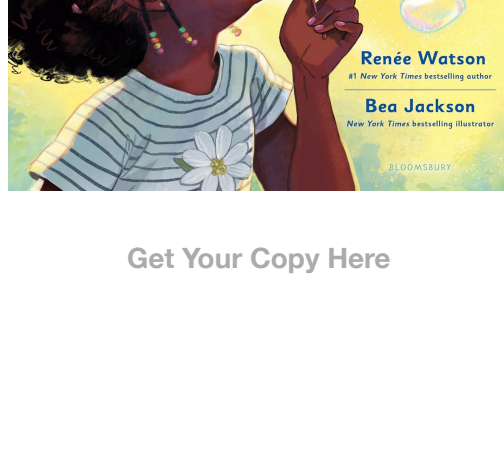
**Laurie Stroup**  
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**Donald Wells**

## Project Reads Book of the Month

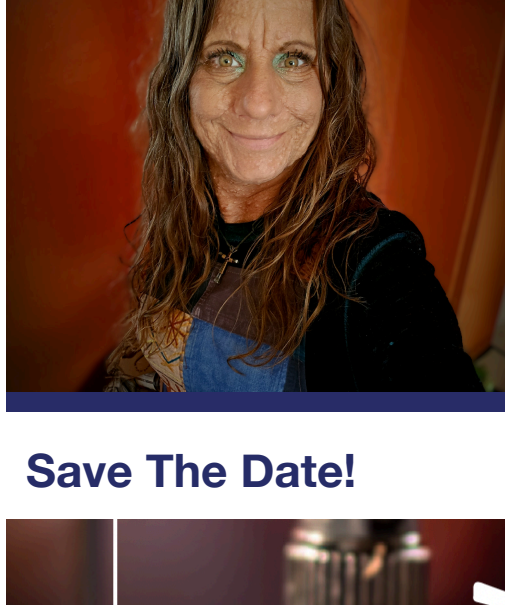
**Summer Is Here**  
by Renée Watson (Author), Bea Jackson (Illustrator)  
40 Pages | Ages 3-6 | Grades 1-2

*Summer is here!  
No dark clouds in the sky,  
it's a perfect day for play,  
What joy will summer bring me today?*

Summer is finally here, and she's bringing the most perfect day! From sunup to sundown, there's so much to do on this lovely summer day. With summer comes fresh fruit, sweet and tangy, jump ropes for leaping and dancing, and friends at the pool swimming and floating. Summer brings family cookouts under shady trees, gardens overflowing, and the beautiful song of the ice-cream truck. This beautiful ode to all the season's sensations follows one girl's perfect day in an exploration of joy, family, friendship, sunshine, and wonder.



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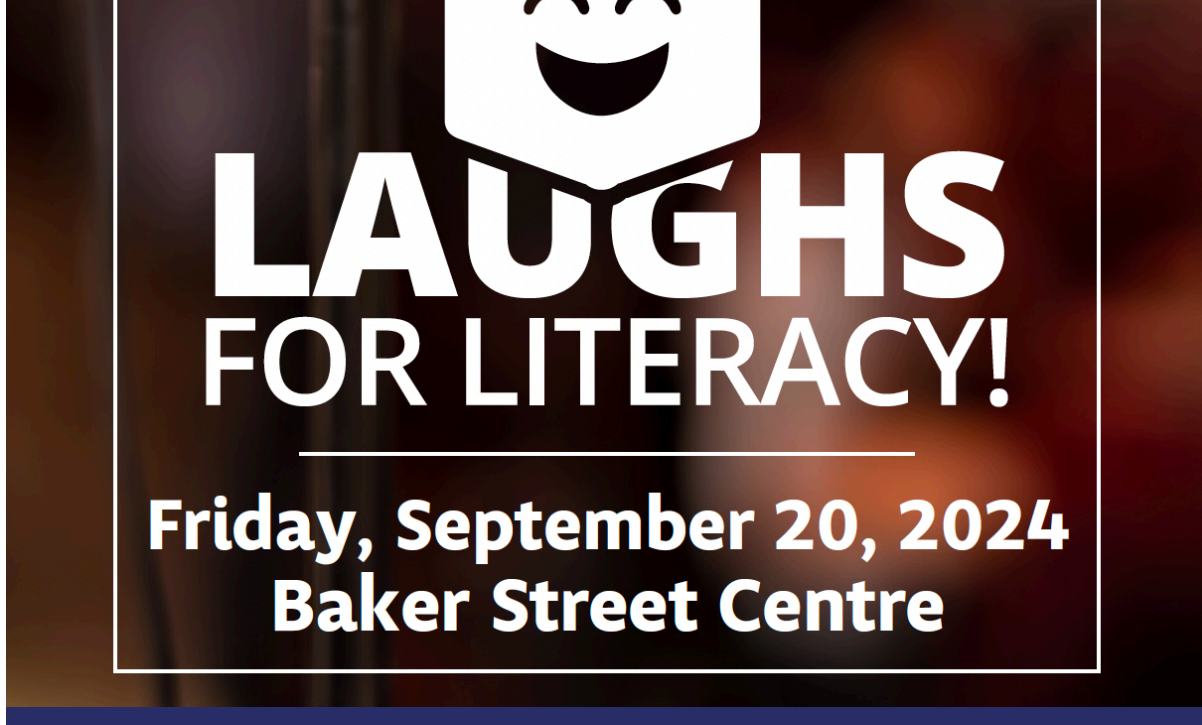


### Volunteer Spotlight: Libby

"It feels wonderful when the students come running up to me after we've been on a holiday break to give me a big hug!"

[Visit our blog](#) to read more about Libby's experience as a TLA volunteer.

## Save The Date!



**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 are 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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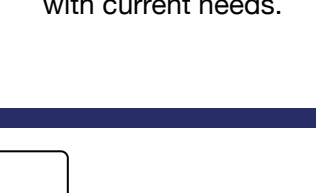
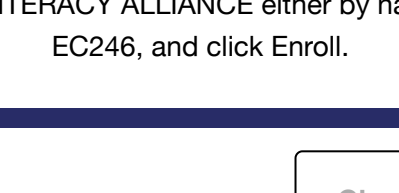
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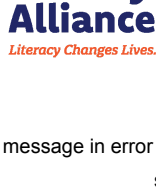
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