

# Advancing Literacy

A Monthly Newsletter from The Literacy Alliance



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## Congratulations to the 2023-24 Program Year Graduates!

We are incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished and can't wait to see what you'll achieve next. Taking the first step is the most important part of any journey, and you have done that with courage and determination. Remember the words of Eleanor Roosevelt: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Keep believing, keep striving, and continue to make us proud.

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| Kaitlyn Bowling            | Jesse Lewis Jr.         | Craig Troyer          |
| Joe Von Bruce              | Aleida Lima             | Vincent True          |
| Karissa Carpenter          | Ashton Loftus           | Marshall Turner       |
| Chloe Cox                  | Mercedes Marcolongo     | Maung Chit Tway       |
| Andrew Cronin              | Miracle Martin          | Richard Waikel        |
| Hunter Damron              | Quentel Martin          | Michael Warnsley      |
| Marilyn Delagrang          | Jazzmin McCormick       | Reginald Warren       |
| Alicia Delagrang           | Holly Milledge          | Amy Watson            |
| Jason Eardley              | Porter Mounsey          | Htet Htet Zaw         |
| Brooke George              | Ronnie Mowery           |                       |

2023-24 PROGRAM YEAR AT A GLANCE\*

**This Is Life-Changing Learning**

**589**

TOTAL STUDENTS

**59**

HSES ATTAINED

**+80%**

STUDENTS WITH MEASURABLE SKILL GAINS

\*Across all programs.

### Student Spotlight: Amy

"I would like to thank The Literacy Alliance for making this an easy step and motivating us throughout the process. To my teacher Amy, thank you, you have helped me gain back the confidence to..." [Visit our blog](#) to read more about Amy's experience at The Literacy Alliance.

## LAUGHS FOR LITERACY!

**Friday, September 20, 2024**  
Baker Street Centre  
323 W Baker St, Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
Doors open at 6 pm | Show at 7 pm

featuring stand-up comics

**Cyrus Steel**  
**and Dan Brown**  
 with emcee, WANE-15's **Alyssa Ivanson**

TICKETS **\$75**

Tickets include admission to the show, a pub style buffet, and one drink ticket.

**Join The Literacy Alliance for a night of stand-up comedy and delicious food at the Funniest Fundraiser in the Fort!**

Laughs For Literacy! is an evening filled with laughter and purpose. Your participation supports our mission to empower people and strengthen community through education. Click the button below to get your tickets today!

**Get Your Tickets Now!**

**Save with the early bird ticket pack, available now through Aug 31**

### Volunteer Spotlight: Victor

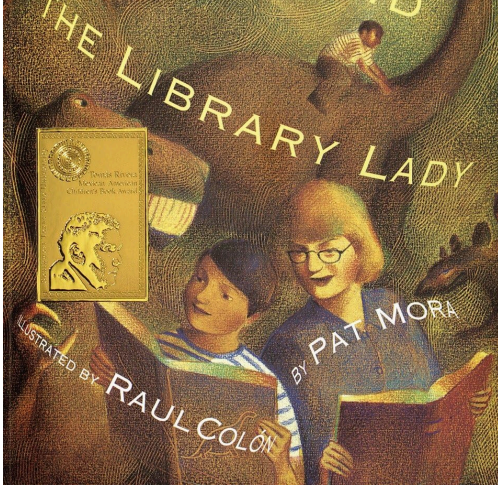
"It is very rewarding to help others enjoy reading. Other options, such as assisting people in learning English as a second language or..."

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

## Project Reads Book of the Month

**Tomás and the Library Lady**  
by Pat Mora (Author), Raul Colón (Illustrator)  
40 Pages | Ages 3-7 | Grades K-2

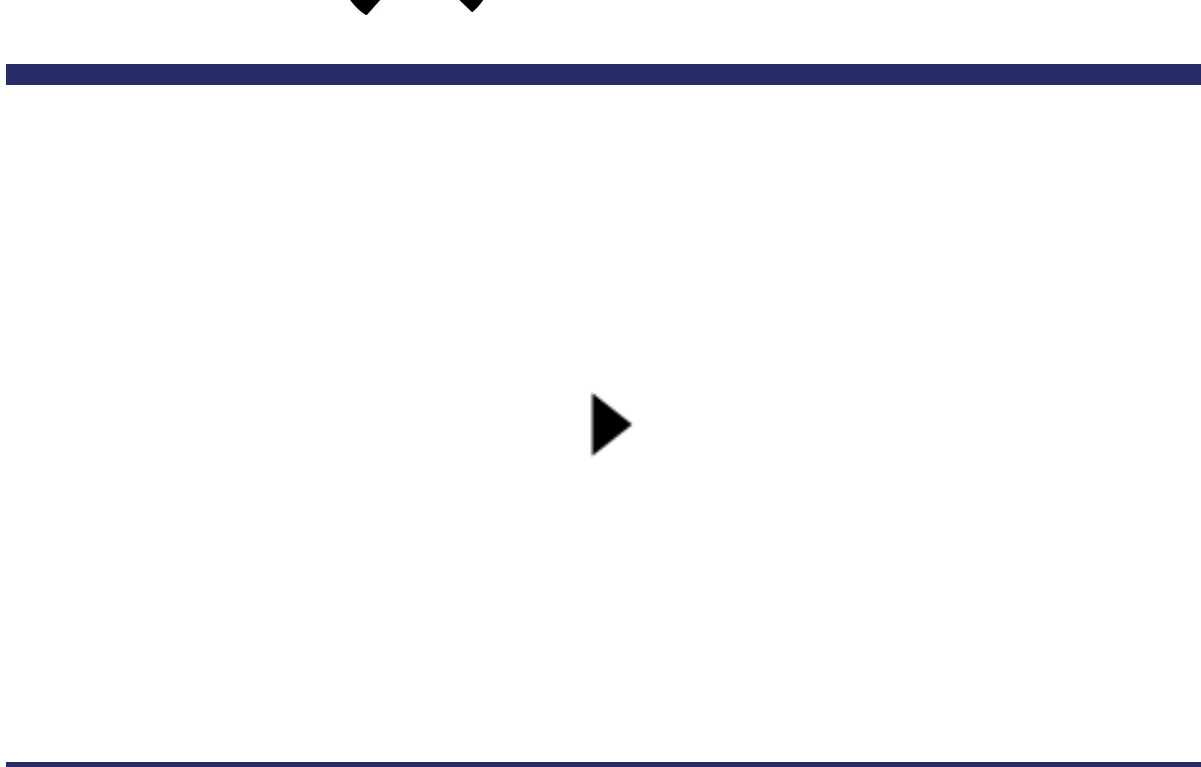
Based on the true story of the Mexican-American author and educator Tomás Rivera, a child of migrant workers who went on to become the first minority chancellor in the University of California system, this inspirational story suggests what libraries--and education--can make possible. Raul Colón's warm, expressive paintings perfectly interweave the harsh realities of Tomás's life, the joyful imaginings he finds in books, and his special relationships with a wise grandfather and a caring librarian.



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