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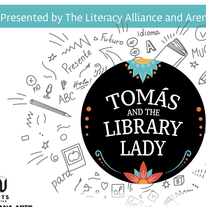

Tomás and the Library Lady is made possible in part by Arts United, and the Indiana Arts Commission.

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February 7-9, 2025

Experience the heartwarming tale of *Tomás and the Library Lady*, a bilingual (English and Spanish) production that celebrates the transformative power of stories and the joy of discovery through reading.

Follow Tomás, the young son of migrant farm workers, as he shares his Papa Grande's cherished stories and encounters a kind librarian in Iowa who introduces him to the magical world of books. Through tales of dinosaurs, tigers, and daring explorers, Tomás's imagination soars, showing us all the boundless possibilities that books can unlock.

Don't miss this inspiring dinner-and-a-show performance that reminds us of the impact of storytelling and the beauty of embracing new worlds through books.

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Student Spotlight: Ángel

Ángel was born in the city of Pasaje de las Nieves, Ecuador. He comes from a humble and very hardworking family, who...

Visit the TLA Blog to read more about Ángel, his experience as a Project Connect student and about his newest challenge—acting!

Student Spotlight: Brenda

Brenda was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Her father emigrated to the United States, while her mother stayed in Guatemala to...

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Help Build Homes—and a Love of Reading

Since 2007, The Literacy Alliance has provided a start-up family library to every new home built through Habitat for Humanity. These libraries, gifted at the time of home dedication, inspire families to read together, with parents serving as powerful role models in fostering a lifelong love of books and learning.

Each library includes a new bookcase, essential reference books, and a curated selection of gently-used titles tailored to the family's interests and ages.

You can make a lasting impact. A gift of just $150 covers the cost of one start-up library, turning a house into a home filled with stories. Donate today **and help us build more than homes—help us build readers.**

Volunteer Spotlight: Andrew

If you were to encourage someone else to volunteer with our organization, what would you say? "The skills people learn at The Literacy Alliance are skills that they will keep and use every day for the rest of their lives."

To read more about Andrew's experience as a TLA volunteer, visit our blog.

TLA volunteer Andrew and student Hayday

Project Reads Book of the Month

When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left
by Marc Colagiovanni (Author)
Peter H. Reynolds (Illustrator)

32 pages | Grades K-3

"One day for no particular reason, nothing was going right. Absolutely positively, nothing was going right. So, I decided to go left..."

Told through creative language play, and with depth and whimsy, this picture book reminds readers of their own agency and the power they have to direct their own path. Marc Colagiovanni's lyrical text and Peter H. Reynolds's stunning art create an enduring message of strength and perseverance that is both universal and personal, and one that readers will be drawn to over and over again.

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