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Thanks to a generous donation from Marilyn Hormann, every gift you make before December 31 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$20,000. Your gift will double in impact for the adults and families who count on our free, life-changing programs across Northeast Indiana.

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**Student Spotlight**

After decades of adventure, heartbreak, and a life-threatening diagnosis, Brad finally faced the one thing holding him back; his diploma.

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**Volunteer Spotlight**

Volunteer Marilyn shares how Project Reads renews her purpose, builds bonds with students, and proves that one hour a week can change a child's life through reading.

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**Giving Tuesday Challenge 2025**



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our endowment during November, helping us secure our pillar in the Giving Tuesday Fort Wayne Challenge. Your generosity strengthens lifelong learning, supports workforce development, and ensures our programs remain free for the learners who rely on them. We are also grateful to the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne for the exciting surprise and the generous check.

Didn't have a chance to give? Today is the perfect day to invest in hope, workforce development, and opportunity.

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**Smart Year End Giving: Make the Most of Your QCD or RMD**

As the year wraps up, your IRA could offer a strategic way to support the causes you care about while also offering potential tax advantages.

Individuals age 70½ and older can give directly from their IRA through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If you're 73 or above, a charitable gift can also count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). These options may lower your taxable income and allow you to create a lasting impact in our community.

If you'd like guidance or have questions about using your IRA to make a gift, we're here to help you take the next step.

Have questions? Contact Laura at (260) 265-1940 or via email at [laura@literacyalliance.org](mailto:laura@literacyalliance.org)



**Thank you 3Rivers FCU!**

We are incredibly grateful for our friends at 3Rivers Federal Credit Union, who stopped by our offices with a generous check in support of Project Reads. Their gift helps our K-3 readers in Allen County build the skills they need to reach grade level and thrive.

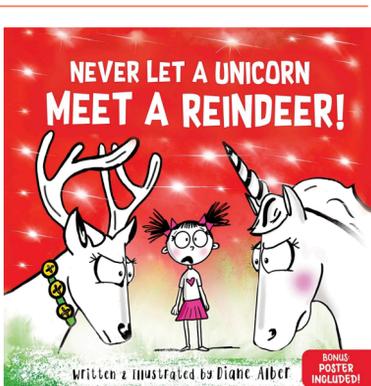
Community support makes everything we do possible. Thank you to 3Rivers for investing in our young learners and to all of our supporters who believe in the power of literacy.

**Project Reads Book of the Month**

**Never Let a Unicorn Meet a Reindeer**  
by Diane Alber (Author)  
42 pages | Grades K-2

Even if Santa insists that unicorns and reindeer should never meet, one determined little girl has other plans. She wants both of these magical creatures at her birthday party. But unicorns aren't all sparkles and rainbows, and reindeer aren't exactly made of pure holiday cheer... so was Santa right after all? Or can this unlikely duo prove that even the strangest pairings can do something wonderful this season?

Filled with bright, energetic illustrations and laugh-out-loud moments, this charming picture book celebrates imagination, unexpected friendship, and the warmth of the holidays.



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**Partner with The Literacy Alliance to Support Your Clients!**

Are you part of a local agency with clients who could benefit from The Literacy Alliance?

We offer free programs like high school equivalency prep and English language learning. Schedule a facility tour or staff presentation to learn more.

To refer clients or schedule a visit, contact Outreach Coordinator Mike Jackson at:

[\(260\) 423-0006](tel:(260)423-0006)  
[mike@literacyalliance.org](mailto:mike@literacyalliance.org)

Together, we can empower individuals through literacy and education. Let's make a difference—one referral at a time!



**Community Resources**

The Literacy Alliance's Community Resources section connects you to job opportunities, financial aid, continuing education, housing assistance, legal support, healthcare, and more—all in one place.

We update it regularly, so if you haven't checked it out yet (or it's been a while), now's the time! Click the button to explore resources that can make a difference today.

[Visit the Community Page](#)



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