



Year-End Challenge

We are absolutely blown away by your support. Our year end campaign has officially come to a close, and the results are life changing.

Thanks to a generous \$25,000 match from Marilyn Hormann and the kindness of donors like you, we raised **more than \$67,000!**

What does this mean for our community? It means our programs stay free. It means we continue to break down the barriers to education and workforce development that hold people back. It means hope, economic opportunity, and a fresh start for our clients in the coming year.

Thank **you** for being part of this journey with us.



Student Spotlight

Michael found confidence, purpose, and a path forward through The Literacy Alliance's GED program. Read his inspiring journey of returning to school, overcoming fear, and building a better future.

[Read more on our blog.](#)



Volunteer Spotlight

For Becky and Gail, volunteering at The Literacy Alliance is a "two-for-one" reward: a way to continue their lifelong passion for education while strengthening a friendship filled with laughter and shared purpose.

[Read more on our blog.](#)

Our CMCO Just Added Another Degree (Don't Tell His 17-Year-Old Self)

Congratulations to TLA's CMCO, Matt Wire, on earning his master of arts in philanthropic studies from the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University. Having wrapped up the program this past December, Matt adds this achievement to his MBA and BA, which significantly bolsters our team's expertise and strategic vision.

This advanced degree brings a deeper understanding of community impact and charitable leadership to our organization as we look toward the future. His commitment to lifelong learning serves as a great example of the values we promote every day.

In Matt's own words: "I've officially gone from 'Least Likely to Graduate' to 'Can't Stop Getting Degrees.' My younger self is currently rolling his eyes at me, but I think he'd be just as surprised as I am by this journey so far."



Habitat Libraries

Since 2007, The Literacy Alliance has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to ensure that every new house becomes a home filled with stories. Through our **Habitat Libraries** program, we provide a startup family library to every new homeowner at their home dedication.

Access to quality books at home is a game changer. It allows parents to serve as reading role models and helps children foster a lifelong love of learning that extends far beyond the classroom.

[Give the Gift of Reading](#)

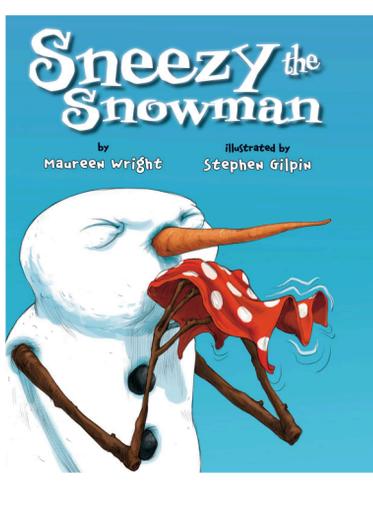
Project Reads Book of the Month

Sneezy the Snowman
by Maureen Wright (Author), Stephen Gilpin (Illustrator)

B-R-R-R-R! AH-CHOO! Sneezy the Snowman is feeling very cold, and he is determined to find a way to warm up. He tries everything from sipping hot cocoa to soaking in a hot tub and even standing near a warm fire. Of course, these choices lead to some very silly results as Sneezy melts away every time he gets too toasty.

The children in the story know exactly how to help, building him back up until he feels just right. This charming tale is filled with hilarity and features playful mixed media illustrations by Stephen Gilpin. It is a wonderful pick for the season that shows how a little help from friends can fix almost anything.

We have included a special read along in this month's newsletter so you and your family can enjoy the story together. Just click the play button on the video below to start the adventure. If you want to add this funny little story to your own home library, you can click the Get Your Copy Here button to purchase it today.



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Partner with The Literacy Alliance to Support Your Clients!

Are you working with individuals who need a fresh start through education?

The Literacy Alliance offers free high school equivalency (HSE/GED) prep, English language learning, and a dedicated GED testing center. We would love to host your team for a tour or visit your office for a brief presentation.

To coordinate a referral or a staff visit, please reach out to Mike Jackson, Outreach Coordinator, at:

(260) 423-0006
 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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