



Exploring New Opportunities at Ivy Tech

Twice each year, once in the fall and again in the spring, our students have the chance to experience Ivy Tech Community College firsthand. During these visits, they tour the campus, meet faculty and staff, and learn about the many academic and career programs Ivy Tech offers.

For many of our students, this is their first time stepping onto a college campus. These visits often spark new confidence and excitement about what's possible, helping students envision the next chapter of their educational journey.

We're grateful to partner with such a fantastic local institution that shares our commitment to lifelong learning and student success. Special thanks to Tracy Davis, vice chancellor of community engagement, for always being a gracious host and personally leading our tours.



Student Spotlight

Rickia's journey shows the power of persistence and community. Visit our website to read her story and see how literacy opens doors to brighter futures.

[Read more on our blog.](#)



Volunteer Spotlight

Follow Maxime's remarkable journey from TLA student, to graduate, and now, a devoted volunteer.

[Read more about his journey on our blog.](#)



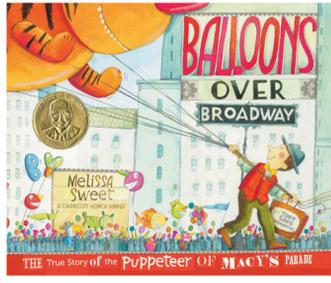
Giving Tuesday Challenge 2025

Join us in the Giving Tuesday Fort Wayne Challenge! From November 1–20, we're raising funds to grow our endowment at the Community Foundation, securing our mission of life-changing literacy. Every dollar counts towards our \$7,500 goal, with a 20% match from the Community Foundation! Donate by midnight on November 20 at tinyurl.com/TLAGive25 (for estate gifts, call 260-426-4083) and help us stay strong for the future.

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Welcome Juliana!

We're thrilled to welcome Juliana Bengs, our new associate director of workforce development at The Literacy Alliance! Juliana brings a passion for helping adult learners achieve their goals through education and career readiness. Her experience and enthusiasm will strengthen our programs and open new opportunities for students across our community.



Project Reads Book of the Month

Balloons Over Broadway
by Melissa Sweet (Author, Illustrator)
40 pages | Grades K-3

Discover the story of Tony Sarg, the inventive puppeteer who created the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloons. In this beautifully illustrated nonfiction book, Caldecott Honor artist Melissa Sweet celebrates Sarg's boundless imagination and joyful creativity, bringing to life the man whose playful inventions continue to inspire wonder today.

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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
 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](#)



Literacy Changes Lives. Our mission is to empower people and strengthen community through education.

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