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The Literacy Alliance Named a 2025-26 Program of Excellence

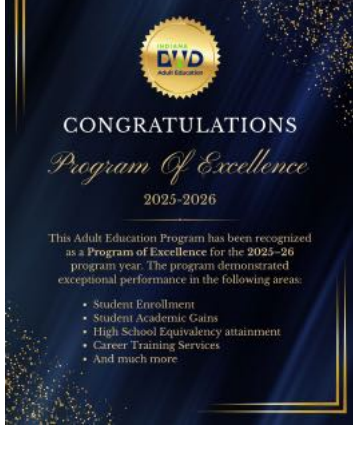
The Literacy Alliance (TLA) has been designated a Program of Excellence by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, one of just 39 adult education programs across the state to earn the honor this year.

DWD created the designation to recognize programs that exceed state goals in student achievement, enrollment, employer partnerships, high demand wage training, and high school equivalencies earned. Indiana has led the nation in adult learner outcomes for eight years running, and this recognition places TLA among the state's top performing programs.

"Indiana continues to excel as a state due to the hard work, dedication, and innovative practices being implemented at the program level in communities every day," said DWD Commissioner Kate Shelby.

TLA will be formally recognized at the Indiana Association of Adult and Continuing Education award ceremony on September 30.

[Read more about Indiana Adult Education at AmplifyAE .](#)



Student Spotlight: Heather

After stepping away from high school years ago to raise her son, Heather decided 2026 was the year to finish what she started, this time driven by the desire to inspire her son to earn his own high school diploma. Supported by encouraging staff and a welcoming learning environment, she tackled her biggest hurdle, math, and passed her final test in late August. Now, mother and son are set to celebrate graduating together as part of the Class of 2026. With her high school equivalency diploma in hand and dreams of studying addiction counseling or psychology, Heather has proven that perseverance pays off and that it's never too late to achieve your goals.

Read Heather's full story on our blog: www.literacyalliance.org/blog

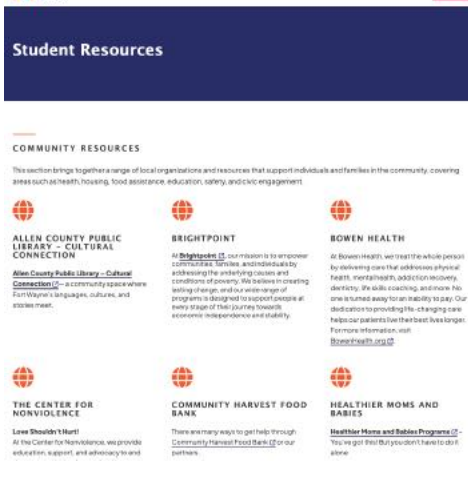
ACT NOW: Tickets Are Moving Faster Than a Toddler with a Forbidden Cupcake



A fantastic night of great food, big laughs, and genuine impact is right around the corner. Seats are going quickly. Treat yourself to delicious bites from Club Soda and comedy from national headliners Arvin Mitchell and Mike Maxwell, all while directly funding TLA's free literacy and workforce development programs. **Tickets are going fast, so grab yours right now before they're officially gone!**

[Get Your Tickets Today!](#)

Student Resource Hub



We've recently refreshed our **Student Resources Hub** to bring together everything you might need on one convenient, easy-to-navigate page. Whether you're looking for community support like healthcare, housing, and food assistance, wanting to brush up on everyday computer skills and online safety, or exploring scholarships and financial aid to keep your education moving forward, it's all gathered right here. If you haven't visited the page lately, it's worth taking a fresh look to see all the great tools and local partners ready to help you along the way.

[Student Resource Hub](#)

TLA Continues Commitment to Trust with Candid Platinum Seal

We are proud to share that The Literacy Alliance has officially earned the 2026 Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid (formerly GuideStar). As the highest level of recognition offered by Candid, the Platinum Seal places us in the top tier of nonprofits nationwide for openness and accountability.

What does this mean for our community? Earning Platinum means going well beyond standard financial reporting to publicly share our strategic goals, in-depth metrics, and the real-world impact of our adult education and literacy programs. We believe that trust is the foundation of everything we do, and being completely transparent about how resources are put to work ensures our students, partners, and supporters know their investment is creating lasting, measurable change.

You can view our full profile, review our progress, and see the numbers behind our mission by checking out our [2026 Candid Profile](#). Thank you for being an essential part of our journey and for believing in the power of literacy!

Platinum Transparency 2026

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Small Commitment, Big Impact: Become a Project Reads Tutor

The new school year is officially underway, and we still have young students waiting for a tutor to help them succeed! A tutor can truly change everything, and it only takes one hour a week to make a lasting difference. You do not need teaching experience, just a caring presence ready to help a K-3 student build foundational reading skills and the confidence to believe in themselves. If you have an hour to share, visit literacyalliance.org/volunteer or give Nikki a call at (260) 423-0008 to sign up today!

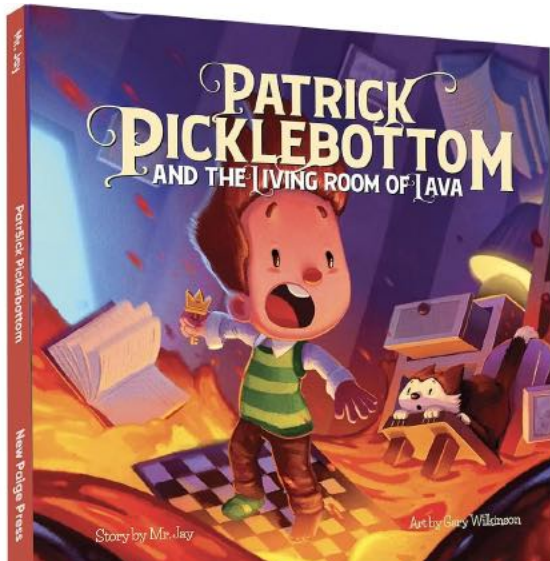
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Project Reads Book of the Month

Patrick Picklebottom and the Living Room of Lava
Mr. Jay (Author)
32 Pages | Grades 3 to 4

Stuck indoors on a rainy day, Patrick is bored of all his books, toys, and games until his dad asks him to retrieve a small gold key from the bedroom. There is just one catch: the floor is suddenly filling with lava. As Patrick's imagination takes over, a dreary afternoon transforms into an epic rescue mission where he must navigate hot lava, slip past a three-eyed monster, and outsmart a pirate waiting to steal the key.

[Get Your Copy Here](#)



Student Spotlight: Nation

Born and raised in Fort Wayne, Nation faced doubts about ever graduating after falling behind on his homeschooled coursework while juggling retail and seasonal landscaping jobs. Looking for a fresh start, he turned to The Literacy Alliance, where he found a welcoming, supportive community dedicated to helping him succeed. With that encouragement, Nation pushed through his uncertainties and officially earned his high school equivalency diploma in mid-August 2026. Now, he is preparing for an exciting new chapter: moving to the Fremont/Angola area, attending trade school, and pursuing a long-term career in plumbing, all backed by a strong entrepreneurial drive and the belief that you should never stop trying.

Read Nation's full story on our blog: www.literacyalliance.org/blog

Let's Connect: Partner with The Literacy Alliance

Do you know someone looking to earn their high school equivalency diploma or build confidence with English language learning? Our free programs are here to open doors, and we love teaming up with local organizations, businesses, and neighborhood groups to spread the word.

Whether you'd like to stop by for a tour, have us visit your team, or invite us to your next community meeting or festival, we'd be thrilled to connect. Outreach Coordinator Mike Jackson is always excited to get out into the community, meet new faces, and share how TLA can support the people you care about.

To explore ways to work together, schedule a visit, or invite Mike to your upcoming event, get in touch:

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