



The Literacy Alliance

Media Release Roundup

What's new at The Literacy Alliance

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Since 1988, The Literacy Alliance has worked to end illiteracy by teaching adults through learning centers, literacy programs, and tutoring services that empower individuals to succeed at work, at home, and in the community.

Comcast donates \$5,000 to The Literacy Alliance -- Spectators packed the Coliseum for Komets Report Card Night on February 6. The event is held every year and rewards area students for getting good grades. Students who earned A's on their report cards received free admission to the game against the Flint Generals. The \$5,000 donation was presented prior to the game.

The Literacy Alliance increases its presence in cyberspace -- In addition to its web site, www.fwliteracyalliance.org, The Literacy Alliance is using more internet-based technology to expand service and raise awareness about its work.

The agency has joined the 175 million who use Facebook. Visitors and fans can learn about The Literacy Alliance and view photographs and news stories about events and activities.

A virtual classroom, <http://sites.google.com/site/acplclassroom>, has been created for students and tutors. The site links to adult basic education and English as a second language resources. Tutors can develop lesson plans, provide interactive exercises, and gather information and ideas. Students can build basic skills in English and math, take practice tests, and find general reference materials.

Fellowship Learning Center receives scholarship -- William Anthony Oakley received The Literacy Alliance Scholarship on February 26 at the agency's GED Graduation Reception. The \$1,000 award is for Literacy Alliance students who have earned their GED and are either enrolled in or in the process of enrolling in a post-secondary program. The purpose of the scholarship is to cover some of the student's post-secondary costs.

New Literacy Alliance programs are going strong -- Beginning in the 2008-2009 program year, The Literacy Alliance launched two new programs and one new learning center. All are going strong, serving students with a variety of needs.

Two small group tutoring centers opened at Fort Wayne Urban League and ACPL - Main Branch. Serving literacy level students, the centers have internet accessible computers and meet once a week.

The Burmese initiative began to meet at St. Henry Catholic Church in the classrooms of the former Benoit Academy. Forty to fifty students attend every session and learn entry level English as well as cultural and life skills.

The Literacy Alliance's WorkOne learning center in the WorkOne offices in Rudisill Plaza continues to be full, serving adult basic education students, many studying to take the GED exam.

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