



The mission of the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County is to improve the quality of life in our community by promoting and achieving literacy.

## 2025-2026 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Literacy Coalition Volunteering, Done-In-A-Day:

**Read with Me:** Volunteer to read one-to-one with elementary school students at local schools. The Literacy Coalition has selected a book and created activities for volunteers and students to share together each session. The students will get to keep the book and activity to take home. Read with Me sessions are set for the second Friday of most months from the Fall through Spring. (45 minutes).

**Corporate/Group Reading Days:** One or two volunteers read to a class of students, kindergarten through second grade, and follow up with a related activity. The Literacy Coalition selects a book and provides the activity. The book is donated to the classroom or media center. A group can read aloud and do the same activity in multiple classes, if time permits (45 to 60 minutes).

**Read for the Record (February 26, 2026):** Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Year of this early literacy initiative, volunteers will read on this national reading day to a class of pre-school, kindergarten or first-grade students. (30 to 45 minutes)

**Adult Essay Initiative:** Review essays written by adult education students throughout the County annually. (45 minutes to an hour).

**Organize a Book Drive:** Collect new children's books for preschool-age children and elementary grade-level students served by the Literacy Coalition's programs. Check out our wish list of children's books on our [Amazon Wish List](#).

### Coalition Program Support at our Blume Literacy Center in Boynton Beach:

- Label books to be distributed through our literacy programs. We distribute more than 100,000 books each year and this allows us to promote literacy programs and services. This is a fun activity for a group (any amount of time available).
- Assemble literacy kits and activities for our family education programs, special reading events and for our [Stories and STEM](#) and [Read→Create→Connect](#) after school programs (any amount of time available).

### Literacy Coalition Volunteering, Ongoing Commitments:

**Help an Adult:** Tutor an adult to improve reading skills, learn English and/or prepare to take the GED exam at adult education programs countywide. Two times per week, day or evening. *Training may be required.*

**Conversation Corps:** Meet with an adult learning English, one-on-one, to practice conversational language in a casual setting. There is no training required.

**Building Better Readers:** Tutor elementary school children to help them reach grade-level reading:

- at select schools throughout the County during the school day in two 90-minute sessions twice a week. *Training required and provided by the Literacy Coalition.*
- at the Literacy Coalition in Boynton Beach, afterschool for one hour, once a week. *Training and Level 2 background screening required and provided by the Literacy Coalition.*

## **Fundraising Events & Literacy Initiatives:**

Volunteer and/or attend one of our fundraising events to promote literacy and raise funds for our efforts in Palm Beach County:

- **Fall Author Talk Series: Nikki Erlick (November 14, 2025):** Join us for this new literacy event with *New York Times* Bestselling author, Nikki Erlick, for an afternoon of stories, coffee, and connection. This is a smaller event as a lead-up to the Love of Literacy Luncheon.
- **Winter Author Talk Series: Elin Hilderbrand (Late January or Early February, 2026):** Join us for this new literacy event with *New York Times* Bestselling author, Elin Hilderbrand. This is a smaller-scale event as a lead-up to the Love of Literacy Luncheon.
- **Community Spirit Race (March 7, 2026):** Join the Literacy Coalition's team to walk or run and fundraise in this family-friendly 5K and 1-Mile event, in partnership with the Spirit of Giving Network.
- **Love of Literacy Luncheon (April 9, 2026):** Volunteer on the committee, sponsor a table and attend our signature event which celebrates literacy.
- **Literacy Links (May 15, 2026):** Golf Tournament for all levels of players at the Oceanside Palm Beach Par 3 Golf Course.

**Visit [LiteracyPBC.org](https://literacypbc.org) for more details or contact:**  
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