



ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025



Leading Through Reading

WHO WE ARE

Since 1989, through extensive outreach and collaboration with a network of community partners, the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County has been dedicated to ensuring that individuals in Palm Beach County receive the help they need to improve their literacy skills.

WHO WE SERVE

The preschool child who lives in a home that doesn't contain a single book.
The child who feels alienated and angry because they struggle to read as well as their friends.
The family who lives in poverty because their parents don't have the literacy skills to qualify for a job with a sustaining wage.

OUR MISSION

Improve the quality of life in our community by promoting and achieving literacy.

THE VISION

That every child and adult in Palm Beach County becomes a reader.



THE NEED IN PALM BEACH COUNTY (2024-2025)

43% of third grade students read below grade level, begin to fall behind in every subject, not just language arts, and are at greater risk of dropping out of school.

22.2% of adults age 16 and older lack basic literacy skills and can't fill out a job application or read a bus schedule.

2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

We served **64,464** adults, children, youth and families at 173 sites

Literacy AmeriCorps members provided **47,600** hours of service – teaching, tutoring and mentoring adults, teens and children

We distributed **137,031** books to children, families and organizations

The Literacy Coalition is recognized in the top 1% of charities nationwide and has earned 16 consecutive 4-out-of-4 star ratings from Charity Navigator.



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LITERACY BOARD LEADERSHIP



DR. REGINE BATAILLE

For over a decade, I have had the honor of serving on the Literacy Coalition board, and in that time, I am continually inspired by the power of our shared mission. As a pediatrician, I see daily how access to books and the ability to read from an early age shapes a child’s future, opening doors to lifelong learning, health, and success.

But the need for literacy does not have an age limit. The journey of learning is lifelong, and its impact is profound at every stage. This was perfectly illustrated by a story my friend and dedicated volunteer, Christina, shared with me.

She worked with an adult learner, who after a lifetime of navigating the world without the essential skill of reading, finally found the courage to seek help. With Christina’s patient guidance and support, he learned to read. He told her it wasn’t just about deciphering words on a page; it was about gaining a new sense of dignity, independence, and possibility. He could finally read a menu, understand a lease agreement, help his children with their homework, and envision a future he never thought possible. He told Christina that learning to read fundamentally changed his life.

This is the profound impact you make possible. You are not just teaching letters and words; you are unlocking potential, restoring confidence, and changing life stories. Your support fuels this critical work at every level from the child who discovers the magic of books and gets the tutoring they need to succeed in school to the teenager who receives the mentorship and coaching required to meet graduation requirements to the adult who gains the literacy skills needed to secure a better job, support their family, and fully participate in our community.

Thank you for believing in our mission and for standing with us in support of literacy. Together, we are writing a brighter, more empowered chapter for our entire community.



Dr. Bataille with her son Claude, husband Gary and son Curtis at the Literacy AmeriCorps Graduation. Claude served in the 2024-2025 Literacy AmeriCorps program.

CEO MESSAGE OF THANKS



KRISTIN CALDER

As we reflect on this past year, we are filled with gratitude for the donors, volunteers, partners, and supporters who make our work possible.

Thanks to your generosity and dedication, we have been able to reach more children, support more families, and provide meaningful, effective literacy programs that build confidence and open doors.

Thank you to the volunteers who gave their time and talents – tutoring students, serving on our board, and advocating for literacy in our community. Thank you to our donors who made it possible to put books into children’s hands, train tutors, and support our implementation of award-winning programs that truly change lives.

Together, you have helped us create a year of growth, hope, and measurable impact. But beyond the numbers, it’s individual stories like a child reading their first sentence, a parent watching their child fall in love with books and an adult student gaining literacy and language skills to secure a good job with a sustainable wage that remind us why this work matters so deeply.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to the mission we share with all of you: building a future where every child and adult has the literacy skills to thrive. Thank you for being part of this journey. We look forward to the next chapter!



Thank you to Dr. Regine Bataille, Debra Ghostine, Margaret Blume, Darlene Kostrub and Brenda Medore.

VOLUNTEERS: THE HEART OF OUR MISSION

At the core of our work are the dedicated volunteers whose support fortifies every aspect of our mission.

Our reading tutors dedicate their time to help children one-on-one strengthen their literacy skills and build confidence — one session, one book, one child at a time.

Our board volunteers play a vital role by providing leadership, helping govern our organization, raising awareness about the importance of literacy, and supporting efforts that bring real solutions to our community.

Our event volunteers bring energy and commitment to every fundraiser and outreach effort. Whether they’re setting up, greeting guests, or assisting behind the scenes, their involvement helps ensure we raise the awareness and funds needed to fund programs and initiatives for students in need.

Whether working directly with students or shaping the direction of our programs, each volunteer brings passion, commitment, and a belief in the power of reading. To all our volunteers, thank you. Your impact is immeasurable.



Volunteer Mary Ann Douglass tutors Mauricio in our Building Better Readers program.



LOOP for Literacy sponsor Bill Bone with NCCI volunteers Stephanie Saraco and Kathy Scott with staff member Molly Felmet, center, at Manatee Lagoon supplying refreshments to cyclists.



Building Better Readers Volunteer Debbie Friedman was awarded Volunteer of the Year by Jeanne Heavilin at our Volunteer Appreciation Reception. Debbie was also recognized by The Breakers Palm Beach and selected as the Volunteer of the Year in the 2025 Be Our Guest Program, which celebrates those who serve others.



The Breakers Banquet division team donates many volunteer hours throughout the year.



Volunteers from CompHealth helped label children’s books.



Boca West County Club volunteers read to children at Blue Lake Elementary during their Hope Week.

LOVE OF LITERACY LUNCHEON



Bank of America guests with author Victoria Christopher Murray



The 34th Annual Love of Literacy Luncheon was held April 10, 2025 with more than 600 literacy supporters at the Kravis Center, raising more than \$300,000 to support literacy. *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Victoria Christopher Murray was interviewed by South Florida PBS "Between the Covers" host Ann Bocock.

The Luncheon was chaired by Telsula C. Morgan and Lindsay Reinhart. The Committee members were Regine Bataille, M.D., Maggie Dickenson, Debra Ghostine, Len Gray, Grace Halabi, Stephanie Kahlert, Bernadette O'Grady, Crystal Parkinson, Carol Rose and Janel Williams.

Thank you to **Presenting Sponsor** Bank of America, the Coalition is grateful for the support of: **Platinum Sponsor:** Brenda Medore, **Diamond Sponsors:** Shawn M. Donnelley and Christopher M. Kelly, GL Homes, Nan Johnson and Robin Muir, Kosinski Family Foundation and the Robinson Family Fund. **Gold Sponsors:** The Bonutti Family, Barbara & Len Gray, First Horizon Foundation, Gentle Medicine Associates, Inc., Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A., Karen Rogers, SCAPS Medical, LLC, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A. and *The Palm Beach Post*. **Silver Sponsors:** Akerman, LLP, Cozen O'Connor, Stephanie Kahlert, The LaFrance Project, The Lynch Family & Plastridge, Lynn University, Nason Yeager Gerson Harris & Fumero, P.A., Stephanie Pew, U.S. Bank and WPTV 5.



Love of Literacy Luncheon Committee



LITERACY LINKS GOLF TOURNAMENT

A full field of golfers teed up to help raise more than \$50,000 to support our literacy programs at the 9th annual Literacy Links on May 9, 2025, at the Palm Beach Par 3.

Nancy Vera chaired the event and committee members were Caleb Bowser, John Campo and Travis Foels.

Thank you to sponsors Brenda Medore and Leanne Adair, an anonymous donor, Lennar, Publix Super Markets Charities and *The Palm Beach Post*.



2025 winning foursome: Palm Beach State College



2025 winning women's foursome: NCCI



LOOP FOR LITERACY



Thanks to the generous support of fundraisers, sponsors and 450 runners, walkers and cyclists, the 15th annual LOOP for Literacy raised almost \$70,000! The event was held on February 8 at Bryant Park in Lake Worth Beach. Thank you to Coalition Board Members Andy Loewenstein and Lauren Stuhmer for co-chairing the event. Thank you to Top Individual Fundraiser Len Gray and Top Team Fundraisers Holland & Knight and Bill Bone Bike Law.

Thank you to our presenting sponsor Florida Crystals, as well as Domino Sugar, Bill Bone Bike Law, Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, Nursing Services of Palm Beach, Loewenstein Family, Gentle Medicine Associates, Inc., NCCI, Pamelee Murphy, Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, Cozen O'Connor, SCAPS Medical, LLC, Orangetheory Fitness of Boynton Beach, Manatee Lagoon, LC Tri Shop, Chick-fil-A on Lantana Road, Park Avenue BBQ Grille and *The Palm Beach Post*.



L-R: Len Gray with LOOP Co-Chairs Andy Loewenstein and Lauren Stuhmer.



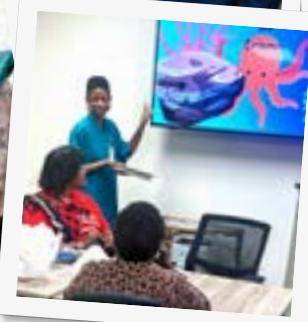
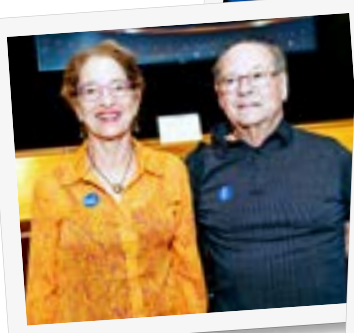
READ TOGETHER PBC

"ONE-BOOK, ONE-COMMUNITY" CAMPAIGN

As part of this countywide reading initiative, adults across the community read *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt and took part in 21 book discussions and related events hosted by local libraries, book clubs, and community partners.

The campaign wrapped up on November 18 with two special finale events: a reception hosted by Northern Trust in North Palm Beach, where Ms. Shelby Van Pelt was interviewed by Coalition board member Laurie Gildan; a community celebration at the Duncan Theatre at Palm Beach State College, where Ms. Van Pelt was interviewed by Ann Bocock, host of *Between the Covers* on South Florida PBS.

Thank you to sponsors: Lillian Feder Foundation, Literacy Coalition board members Laurie Gildan, Read Together Book Selection Chair, and Sharon Hill, Read Together Campaign Chair; and to our partners Northern Trust, Palm Beach State College, South Florida PBS, *The Palm Beach Post*, Barnes & Noble, Palm Beach County Library System and municipal libraries of Delray Beach, Lantana, Lake Park, West Palm Beach, North Palm Beach and Riviera Beach.



MAYORS' LITERACY INITIATIVE LUNCHEON

The 17th annual Mayors' Literacy Initiative Luncheon was held in September in partnership with The Palm Beach County League of Cities and our presenting sponsor Comcast.

The Coalition encouraged the mayors, city officials and guests to help develop a community of readers in each of their municipalities in various ways including participation in "Read for the Record" and Read Together Palm Beach County. Our Literacy AmeriCorps members interacted with the mayors and took their oath of service.



Richard Radcliffe, Kristin Calder, Michelle McGovern, Jo Posti, Dr. Regine Bataille and Steve Campion.



READ FOR THE RECORD



The Literacy Coalition, and sponsor PNC Grow Up Great, coordinated municipal leaders, businesses and volunteers to make an impact through Read for the Record: the Coalition distributed 1,500 books to childcare centers and schools and a combined total of 805 municipal and community volunteers participated in reading to 31,595 students at 210 sites. Thank you to our celebrity reader, Tania Rogers of WPTV 5, for reading to preschool children from Atkins TLC Preschool and the Glades Family Education program. A highlight of the reading campaign is a friendly competition to see which municipality has the most participation. The 2024 winners were the Village of Wellington, the Village of Palm Springs and the Town of Lantana.

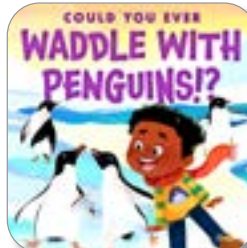


Tania Rogers of WPTV 5, CEO Kristin Calder and Cindy Pilloni of PNC Bank.



READ WITH ME!

Thank you to our volunteers who read to kindergarten students at local schools. The Literacy Coalition selected books and created activities for volunteers and students to share together and the students got to take home with them.



BOOKS, BOOKS & MORE BOOKS

This year, our generous community partners and individuals donated or collected through book drives, **12,476** books for the Literacy Coalition. Jeanne Siccone, our Director of Children's Literacy, coordinated the distribution of these books to organizations throughout the County that provide children's literacy programs and to the students who participate in the Coalition's reading programs.



ADULT & FAMILY LITERACY



Literacy AmeriCorps

The Literacy AmeriCorps program recruits, trains and supervises members who each contribute 1,700 hours of service in tutoring, mentoring and participating in meaningful community service projects.

- ▶ **432** adult learners were assisted with reading, English and employability skills.
- ▶ **1,143** at risk youth were coached, tutored and mentored for academic success.
- ▶ **160** children received tutoring, literacy enrichment or homework help to improve reading skills.
- ▶ Members provided **47,600** hours of service—teaching, tutoring and mentoring adults, teens and children.



Members touring the Mobile Museums of Tolerance on site at The Blume Literacy Center.

“ One of my students started afraid to write a single word, but I have forged a bond with her, and I can see the excitement on her face when I arrive. Now, she is ahead of the other students in her group, and is taking strides every day to improve her literacy skills. I remind her to be proud of herself and I can tell that she is.”

— Gabriela Barber, AmeriCorps Member



Member Gabriela tutored students at Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches.



Members served at the special needs shelter during hurricane Milton, October 2024.



March 9-15, 2025 was Proclaimed as Literacy AmeriCorps Week by the PBC Board of County Commissioners. L-R: CEO Kristin Calder, AmeriCorps member Joseph Scott, Commissioner Gregg K. Weiss, AmeriCorps Director Megan Wiston and AmeriCorps Recruitment Coordinator Chris Thompson.

ADULT & FAMILY LITERACY

▶ Glades Family Education

The Glades Family Education program serves adults and children from the Belle Glade, Pahokee, and South Bay area. The program focus includes adult literacy, children's literacy, weekly PACT (Parent and Child Together) activities, and monthly parenting skills workshops. Adults learn English while improving their reading and writing skills. The preschool class operates for the young children of our adult students, preparing them to succeed in kindergarten.

- ▶ The program provided English language and literacy classes for a total of **87** adults and preschool education for **19** children. The program served an addition **30** children through quarterly family literacy nights
- ▶ **82%** of adult students who were pre and post tested, made significant gains in one or more tested skills (*Reading, Listening and Speaking*).
- ▶ **100%** of the preschool aged children demonstrated improvement in their language, cognitive and early reading skills.



“This program has helped me to feel more involved in my son's education, and get along better with him. I especially love when we go on trips to the library and the museum.”

— Evangelina Hiraldo

▶ Village Readers Family Education

The Village Readers Family Education program in Delray Beach provides literacy and language instruction for adults and their elementary school-age children. Adult students attend evening classes to develop skills to prepare them for further education and enhanced employment opportunities. At the same time, their children receive individualized reading instruction and participate in educational enrichment activities. The parents and their children come together for Parent and Child Together (PACT) time, reinforcing the idea that learning involves the whole family. The program also offers monthly parenting skills workshops for our adult students to learn how they can best support their children.

- ▶ **189** adults and **44** children participated in the evening program.
- ▶ **28** children received afternoon tutoring in reading and comprehension.
- ▶ **79%** of the children tutored made significant improvement in reading.
- ▶ **77%** of adults tested demonstrated significant learning gains in their English language skills.



▶ Workplace and Community Education

The Workplace and Community Education Program provides customized instruction for adults who need help improving their English language skills, obtaining a GED, or addressing specific workplace needs. Classes are provided at workplace and community sites throughout Palm Beach County by trained adult education instructors. Classes are tailored to meet the needs of each particular site and the skill level of the students. The adult learners develop literacy skills to prepare them for enhanced employment opportunities and/or future education.

▶ **253** adult students participated in classes at **12** sites throughout the county:

- City of Greenacres
- City of West Palm Beach
- Eastern Metal Supply
- Edward J. Healey Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
- Faith Farm Ministries
- Frenchman's Creek Country Club
- Hunters Run County Club
- Jonathan's Landing Golf Club
- Marriott Oceana Palms
- Pathways to Prosperity
- Royal Palm Place Apartments– Pine Ridge Holistic Living Center
- Wycliffe Country Club

▶ **100%** of students demonstrated skill development in their primary area of study



▶ Adult Learner Recognition

The Coalition and the School District's Adult & Community Education Department hosted the 26th year of the Adult Learner Essay Initiative on November 14 to celebrate the thousands of adult students in the county. Adult students wrote essays with the choice of topic: "How Education has Changed My Life", "Overcoming My Greatest Fear" or "Original Poetry". Community volunteers read the essays and offered feedback to the students. Journalist Carlos Mahecha emceed the recognition event, which was attended by teachers, students and administrators of Adult Education programs. Selected students read their essays to the audience.



Lisa Anderson, Carlos Mahecha, Fred Barch, Brian Heisler and CEO Kristin Calder.



CHILDREN'S LITERACY

► Building Better Readers

In Palm Beach County, 43% of third grade public school students are reading below grade level. Children learn to read in kindergarten through third grade and read to learn in grades four and above.

McKinsey & Company, a well-respected management consulting firm has shared a proven catalyst for accelerated learning is one-on-one support for students. Broader research on tutoring finds that it has the greatest impact on reading abilities in the early years.

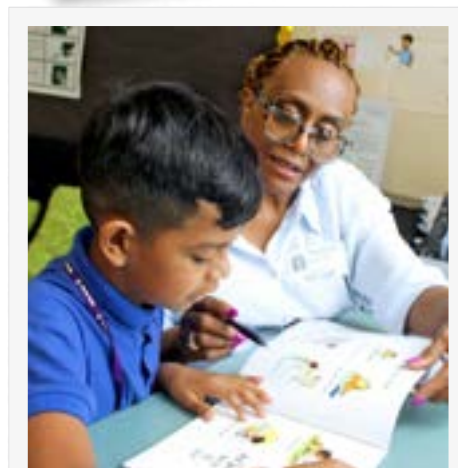
The program has trained community volunteers who provide one-on-one reading tutoring for two or three children for at least one-hour each week over the school year.

- **362** tutors provided **10,128** hours of one-on-one tutoring in **36** elementary schools, three afterschool locations, and virtually for **729** students in first through fourth grade. (209 students afterschool/summer and 520 students in the classroom)
- **93.5%** of the participants demonstrated a gain in literacy skills, with **77.5%** of the participants meeting the goal of ending the school year at least **50%** closer to reading on grade level and **32%** of the students making it all the way to grade level.



“The volunteers bring passion, knowledge and an authentic commitment to help our students improve reading comprehension and gain skills to increase reading proficiency. We are grateful for our reading volunteers.”

— Katrina Granger, Principal, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School, Riviera Beach



Dr. Nitha Yoyakey giving books to one of her young patients and her mother to take home.



Dr. Barry Lowy giving a young patient their first book to take home.

► Early Literacy Book Distribution

The Early Literacy Book Distribution program provides children's books for families receiving services in the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County's Healthy Beginnings system of early childhood care.

- We distributed **105,428** books to Palm Beach County families through **44** pediatric clinics throughout Palm Beach County and **10** Healthy Beginnings program providers.
- Every baby born in a Palm Beach County hospital, receives a book to take home to start their home library.

► Read! Lead! Succeed!

Read! Lead! Succeed! offers a social emotional learning curriculum, using high-quality children's literature and literature-based activities to children in afterschool and summer camp programs.

- **228** sessions were provided at **21** sites.
- **1,096** children were enriched by the program.
- **3,249** books were distributed to children and afterschool sites.



Students explore their creativity with mixed media art using air dry modeling clay and mini canvases.



Students learned how a seed turns into a plant by creating living seed necklaces that are able to grow from their own body heat.

► Stories and STEM

Stories and STEM brings literature-based science, technology, engineering and math lessons to children in afterschool and camp programs. Through hands-on activities, students are able to make tangible connections between the topic and the stories being read.

- **215** sessions were provided at **28** sites.
- **4,260** children were enriched by the program.
- **4,175** books were distributed to children and afterschool sites.

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Hope-Centennial Elementary & Afterschool	Physicians Park Medical Group
Hunters Run Country Club	Pine Grove Elementary
Indian Pines Elementary	Pine Ridge Holistic Living Center
J.C. Mitchell Elementary	Pleasant City Elementary
Jerry Thomas Elementary	Plumosa School of the Arts
Jonathan’s Landing Golf Club	Poinciana Elementary Afterschool
Johnson Scholars Program	Polo Club of Boca Raton
Jupiter Elementary	Prime Time Palm Beach County
Jupiter Farms Elementary	Resource Depot
Jupiter Medical Center	Rohi’s Readery
Jupiter Pediatric Associates	Rolling Green Elementary
K.E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary	Roosevelt Elementary
Kingswood Academy Afterschool, Greenacres	Royal Palm Pediatrics
Kingswood Academy Afterschool, Lake Worth	Ruth Rales Jewish Family Services of South Palm Beach County
Lake Park Elementary	Santaluces Community H.S.
Lakeside Medical Center	Scholar Career Coaching
Lake Worth Community H.S.	The School District of PBC
Lake Worth Little Free Libraries	The School District of PBC – Department of Adult Education
Lake Worth Pediatrics	S.D. Spady Elementary
Lantana Elem. & Afterschool	Seminole Trails Elementary
Lantana Public Library	Solid Waste Authority of PBC
Legal Aid Society of PBC	Soma Medical Centers
Limestone Creek Elementary	The Soup Kitchen
Lincoln Elementary	South Florida Fair and Spookyville
Loving Tender Pediatrics	South Grade Elementary
Loxahatchee Groves Elementary	Spirit of Giving Network
Mandel Public Library of WPB	Starlight Cove Elementary
Marriott’s Oceana Palms	St. Mary’s Medical Center
Meadow Park Elementary	SuraMed Health Centers
The Mission Medical Center	Take Stock in Children
Mobile Museums of Tolerance	Tomorrow’s Hope Academy
Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens	Town of Palm Beach United Way
My Way Clinics	U B Kinsey/Palmview Elementary School of the Arts
New Horizons Elementary	United Way of PBC
Northmore Elem. & Afterschool	United Way of PBC VITA program
Nurse Family Partnership	Village Academy
Okeeheelee Nature Center	Volunteer Florida
Orchard View Elementary	Washington Elementary
Pahokee Pediatric Associates	Wellington Regional Med. Center
Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management	West Boca Medical Center
Palm Beach County Food Bank	Western Academy Charter
PBC Library System	Westgate Community Farm
Palm Beach Lakes Community High School	West Gate Elementary
Palm Beach Pediatrics	West Jupiter Community Group
Palms West Hospital	West Palm Beach Housing Authority
Pathways to Prosperity	West Riviera Elementary
Pediatric Associates	Westward Elementary
Pediatric Center of Belle Glade	Women’s Circle
Pediatric Care Center	Women’s Health Initiative
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Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Palm Beach Marriott Singer Island
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FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024	
ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	\$4,458,527
Grants and Allocations Receivable	263,881
Pledges Receivable	278,776
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	55,335
Property and Equipment, Net	2,641,021
Operating Right-of-Use Lease Assets, Net	53,590
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$7,751,130</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$35,718
Accrued Compensation	118,403
Operating Lease Obligations	54,980
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$209,101</u>
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$6,328,642
Restricted	1,213,387
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$7,542,029</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$7,751,130</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024	
REVENUES AND PUBLIC SUPPORT	
Gifts and Grants	\$3,228,325
Special Events	386,944
Investment Income	136,280
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	232,339
Contributions In-Kind	192,342
Program Service Fees	444,687
TOTAL REVENUES AND PUBLIC SUPPORT	<u>\$4,620,917</u>
EXPENSES	
Programs	\$3,610,650
Management and General	262,501
Fundraising/Development	499,309
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$4,372,460</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$248,457
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	7,293,572
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$7,542,029</u>
PERCENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	6.00%

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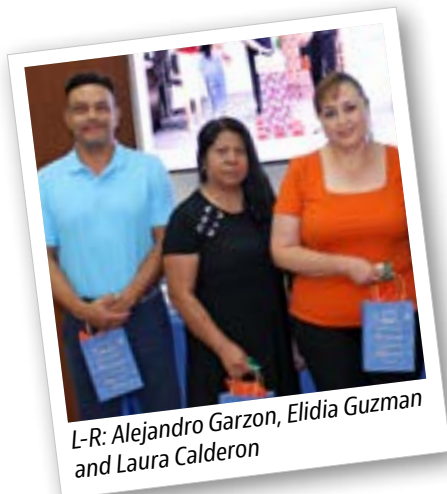
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HOW YOU CAN HELP

VOLUNTEER

You can volunteer to tutor an adult or child in need of literacy skills. There are also opportunities to help an adult learn English and/or prepare to take the GED exam. No experience is required as we provide training.



BOOK DRIVES

Organizations and individuals can conduct book drives for the Literacy Coalition. The collected books are shared with the children’s literacy programs operated by the Literacy Coalition or distributed to partner agencies serving economically disadvantaged children. The Literacy Coalition received **12,476** books this year through book drives and donations from our generous community partners and individuals. Books are always needed for programs serving children up through the fifth grade.



MAKE A DONATION

Your tax-deductible donation will help provide literacy services to adults, children and families who are working to achieve a better life by improving their literacy skills.



MAKE A BIGGER IMPACT

Donate long-term appreciated securities, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds directly to the Literacy Coalition. Compared with donating cash, or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax



proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift to the Literacy Coalition and your tax deduction.

IMPACT FUTURE GENERATIONS

Consider an endowment gift to the Literacy Coalition that will allow us to sustain our impact in the community for future generations. Include the Literacy Coalition in your retirement plans, will, living trust or related planned giving methods allowing you to extend your legacy of literacy to future generations. Planned gifts – large and small – are a lasting way to help us continue the success we know today in helping families be successful in school and in life.

READ TO A CHILD

Read together everyday. Point out print everywhere. Do not limit yourself to reading books with your child. Street signs and cereal boxes count too. Tell your child how much you enjoy reading with them. This attention lets them know they are special and loved.



ATTEND AN EVENT

There are various events to attend throughout the year that support our literacy programs and initiatives. Events include Author Talks, Read for the Record, the Love of Literacy Luncheon, and the Literacy Links Golf Tournament.



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You can support the mission of the Literacy Coalition and become an advocate for literacy. Share our posts and information on your social media accounts. Follow LiteracyPBC today!





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