



**“The greatest barrier to economic development and growth is the absence of a literate workforce.”**

*Certified Literate Community Program*

Georgia’s first Certified Literate Community

## History

### Board of Directors 2013

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The Literacy Alliance, originally known as, Columbus Literate Community Program, has been a part of our community since 1990. It was through this organization, with tremendous community support and thousands of volunteer hours, that Columbus was named the first Certified Literate Community in the state by Georgia’s Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP). Our programs reach a wide variety of people, but they are all focused on one message: increasing literacy levels.

Currently there are 22 full board members and 2 ex-officio members (see attached list). There is one fulltime employee, and three part time employees. One is a teacher, one is a program administrator/teaching assistant and another is a volunteer recruiter. The Executive Director serves on the State Professional Association for the Certified Literate Community Program and was named a Leader of Distinction by the Georgia Press Association for 2013.

#### Vision

Increased literacy levels in the Chattahoochee Valley

#### Mission

To address the gaps in literacy services in the Chattahoochee Valley region

#### Facts school year 2012-13

+117 volunteers  
 +1532 volunteer hours  
 +100’s TV spots Run  
 +2200 reading books given away  
 +2700 Dictionaries presented