

Literacy Alliance Numbers for 2015 –2016

- 336 volunteers
- 881 direct tutoring hours
- 2363 total volunteer hours
- 2000 story books given away
- 2448 Dictionaries presented
- 1500 Television Messages
- 134 volunteers served 52 children through Kindergarten Readiness with 156 classroom hours
- 9 tutors served a daily average of 22 adult students giving 881 volunteer hours. These students logged 3942 classroom hours.
- New summer programs served 17 children with 340 student hours logged
- \$1600 started a GED® scholarship



If you want to keep them out of here, keep them in school.



85% of children who are arrested have reading problems

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

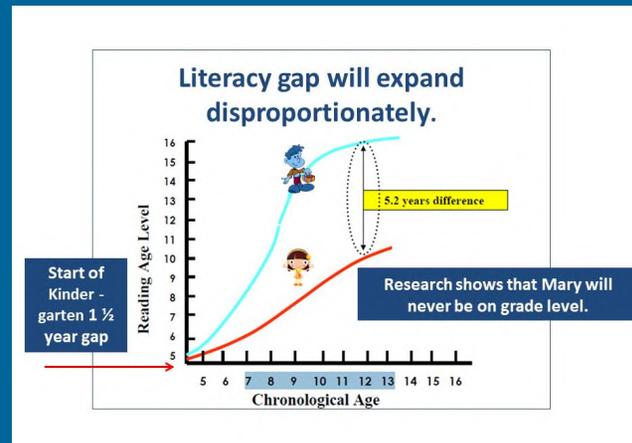
“Certified Literate Community Program”

Vision

Increased literacy levels in the Chattahoochee Valley

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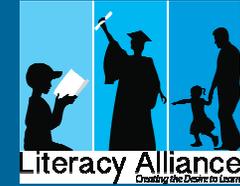
To address the gaps in literacy services in the Chattahoochee Valley region



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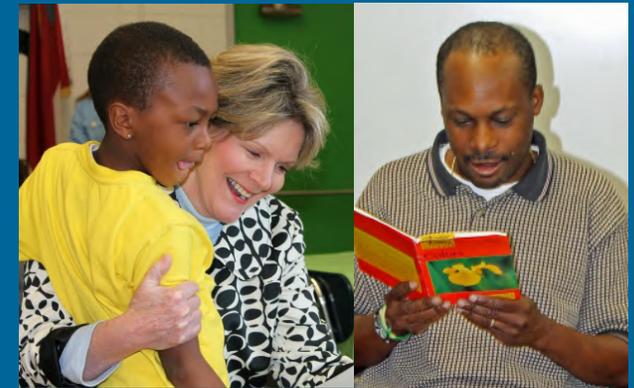
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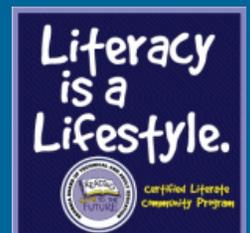
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 as part of Georgia's
 Certified Literate Community Program

Hundreds of Volunteers
 Giving Thousands of Hours
 Helping to Create an
 Educated Workforce



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Kindergarten Readiness

Purpose: To increase the vocabulary level of at-risk children and to 'create the desire to learn'. This project involves eight weeks of daily one-on-one volunteer interaction with selected pre-k students.

Results: Last year 43 children participated in 6 sessions. 115 volunteers spent 714 hours reading with them. This resulted in average session gains as high as 9.5 months of vocabulary gain. Teachers also notice an increase in classroom participation.

Dictionary Project



Purpose: To provide every third grade student in the Muscogee County School District with a personal dictionary. The presentation focuses on graduating on time, and getting the job they will love. All because they are confident in their reading skills.

Results: Over 30,000 third grade students in Muscogee County have received dictionaries. In a local survey 94% of third grade teachers say they use the dictionaries at least once a week. In a separate survey of fifth grade students, over 84% remembered the presentation, more than 70% of them still have the dictionaries, and are aware of their graduation year.

Raise Literacy Levels

Create a Skilled Workforce

Why Create the Desire to Learn?

- 7,000** students in the USA drop out of high school everyday
- 50%** of all children living in poverty begin school as much as 2 years behind their peers in preschool skills
- \$2.1 Billion**— the cost of low literacy on Georgia's employers due to a lose in productivity because employees lack of basic skills
- 1.3 Million** adult Georgians are below eighth grade literacy levels and most are in the workforce
- 64%** of students who cannot read proficiently by the 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare
- 43%** of adults with the lowest literacy levels live in poverty
- 85% of all juvenile offenders have reading problems**

Why?

Because it is the right thing to do. Join one of our volunteer programs or events. Your just may loose your heart to someone one who is grateful for you.



Adult Literacy Class

Purpose: To help undereducated adults become more self-sufficient primarily through improving reading and math skills

Results: There were 28 regular students in 2014-15. They spent a collective 2810 hours in the classroom with 14 mentors who gave 995 hours to support the teacher and students.

Free Books



Purpose: To give beautiful new, books to at risk children. It is well documented that books in a home encourage education.

Results: Using many distribution methods, including sharing with other community non-profits, we gave over 2000 books to at risk families and children.



Public Awareness Campaign

Purpose: To educate the public about the effects of low literacy levels on individuals and the community, and to encourage those who need help, to seek it.

Results: While only marginally funded this past year, in the June we were able to run some TV spot to "Avoid the Summer Slide" 500 times. Over the holidays we ran our "Keep Them in School/"aka the 'children in jail' spot 400 times.

