

# Literacy Alliance's September 2020 Newsletter

## From the Director's Desk

The year of 2020 has certainly been a year of changes. In July, Brandy Tolbert became the Director of Literacy Alliance. Many of you know she came to the organization as a volunteer in 2011. Through the years her responsibilities and role in the community have grown. She is enthusiastic and honored to continue the mission of this valuable organization.



### Volunteer Opportunities

We certainly miss engaging with the community and our dedicated volunteers as we did pre-COVID, but the work must continue. Contact our office to get involve in some virtual opportunities.

- Social Media
- Recorded Reading
- Fundraising



**SIGN UP TODAY!**

[www.theliteracyalliance.org](http://www.theliteracyalliance.org)

E-mail: [volunteer@theliteracyalliance.org](mailto:volunteer@theliteracyalliance.org)

### Virtual Resources

Local parents are making a decision for students to attend school or continue virtually. Here is a list of virtual resources for parents of young children.

- [Nickelodeon's Noggin](#)
- [PBS Kids](#)
- [Cox Campus](#) offers FREE Resources for Virtual & In-Home Teaching including Pop-Up Learning and video courses for caregivers
- Making Virtual Reading Effective and Engaging

**If you know someone who can benefit from these resources and would like some assistance accessing them, have them contact us directly!**

### Milestone Marker

This year also represents a significant milestone for the organization. Georgia's first Certified Literate Community Program (Yes, that's us!) is turning 30. Literacy Alliance will have been in operation for 30 years this coming December. Some programs have expanded and some have changed, but our reach continues to grow.



Stay tuned to see how you can join in on the celebration!



Teen Advisors is collecting new and gently used children's books for our early literacy programs!

Book Drop-Off Location: **1316 Wildwood Ave**  
Last Day to Participate: Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

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## Annual Campaign


As you know, our last Trivia Bee took place in February. We are now on the journey to develop the next FUNdrasing event we can bring to the community. We know we have a very skilled volunteer team.

If you are interested in providing grant writing or fundraising assistance, let us know.

## 2020 Census

There is still time to respond!

The Census is everybody's business and much more than population count. The results are used to determine how hundreds of **billions** of dollars are spent in communities. This effects highway and city planning, fire departments, FEMA responses, head start, and public assistance.



**COLUMBUS  
COUNTS 2020**  
2020census.gov

Spread the word, you can respond online, by phone, or by mail. It is not too late!



## Self-care Awareness Month

As we are learning to thrive in the new normal, it is important to take care of yourself physically and mentally. The pandemic has interrupted our lives as we know it, personal and professional. Making conscious adjustments to ease the worries of our society is key to recovering. Observing this national cause can be as simple as a conscious breathe in the morning or as luxurious as time away from the pressures of everyday life.

### **...a few suggestions**

- Breathing exercises
- Physical activity
- Daily Walking
- Consuming healthier meals
- Journaling and goal setting

## Parenting in a Pandemic Virtual Conversation

There's something magical that happens when breaking bread together over a structured conversation. Although we won't gather around a table to enjoy a savory dinner and desired beverage, we can have a meaningful discussion about what's working. Join in the conversation to unite with other parents of school age children and hear some suggested self-care tips and resources.



**October 5<sup>th</sup>  
3pm-4:30pm**

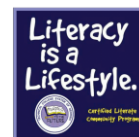
Participants must register to join [RSVP Here!](#) Or contact our office.

**“Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve.”**

**– Mary Kay Ash**



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