

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Volunteer

● Reading Buddy

Weekly one-on-one reading with Pre-K students to build vocabulary and develop basic literacy skills (8-week program will be offered in the Fall and Spring).

● Adult Mentor

Working individually (or small group) with adult learners to increase literacy skills to obtain a high school equivalent diploma or certificate.

● Community Events

Assisting staff with set-up/break down of events and sharing information and resources with guests.

● Skill-Based Expertise/Office Support

Donate

We accept:

- Monetary gifts electronically and via mail.
- New or like new books for youth and adults.



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



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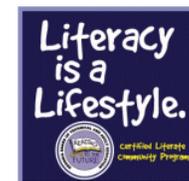
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Vision

Increased literacy levels in the Chattahoochee Valley.

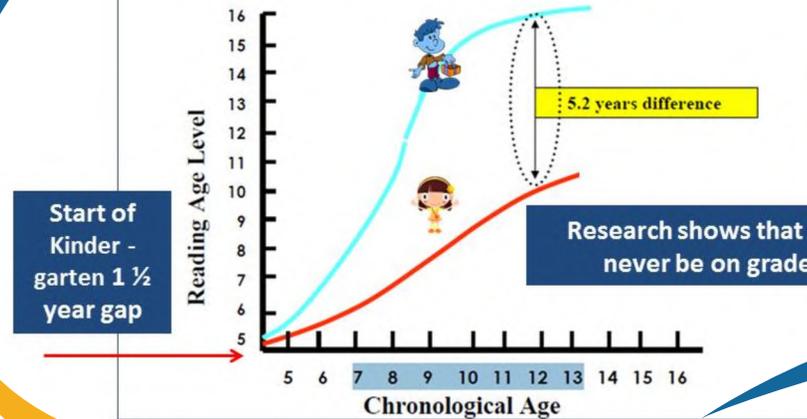
Mission

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

Motto

Create the Desire to Learn.

Literacy gap will expand disproportionately.



Sam is 5.2 years ahead of Mary



WHY INCREASING LITERACY IS SO IMPORTANT

43% of adults with the lowest literacy levels live in poverty.

50% of all children living in poverty begin school as much as 2 years behind their peers in preschool skills.

64% of students who cannot read proficiently by the 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare.

85% of all juvenile offenders have reading problems.

71% of Americans between 17 and 24 are ineligible to serve in the military due to lack of education, obesity/other physical problems, or criminal history

7,000 students in the USA drop out of high school everyday.

Our community is stronger and the economy is enhanced when families have access to resources and higher literacy levels. A strong literacy foundation leads to more educational and employment opportunities giving way to lower poverty and chronic unemployment.

FAMILIES WHO LEARN AND READ TOGETHER, THRIVE TOGETHER!

IMPACT AREAS

Early Literacy

Purpose:

We provide strategies and educational resources to support early childhood development for underserved youth.



Adult Literacy

Purpose:

Offering support to adults (ages 17+) with low literacy to develop and expand basic literacy skills, strengthening the foundation for a brighter future.

Family Literacy

Purpose:

Collaborating with parents to develop thriving children through the power of literacy through parent training sessions, resource fairs, and community involvement.

