

**"Tucson flourishes because we lead in literacy"**



Mariachi performers taking a break at the South Park Literacy Zone kickoff event

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Recently a new study was released that found, even when controlling for other factors such as parental education, income level and social class, 15-year-old children that had books in the home when they were young stayed in school three more years than those who did not. The study also found that having books in the home is stronger than economic factors in determining how far a child will advance in school.

When the Literacy for Life Coalition first became reality, it united behind the idea of literacy as the single most transformative force in the lives of people and communities. Increased literacy is a key to opportunity and the single most powerful economic and community building tool we have.

Bill Krauss  
Executive Director, Literacy for Life Coalition

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**Spotlight on Reading Seed**

One of Verna Leonard's favorite things about Reading Seed is the sheer *volume* of books available. "When you walk into the Reading Seed office there is a library full of books on your left and - on the right - there is another library full of books!" she said. You are surrounded with literacy."

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Stories that Soar! celebrates the end of the year



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Literacy Volunteers of Tucson at the South Park kickoff

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## **Donate to Literacy Volunteers of Tucson and get hot eegee's deals**

During the month of June, a \$5 donation to [Literacy Volunteers of Tucson](#) gets you the eegee's coupon book. The book includes a coupon card for each month of the following 12 months, each good for a 50% discount up to \$6. Get a great value and help LVT transform lives by teaching adults to read, write and speak English.

Make your donation and get your coupon cards at any eegee's location or at the Literacy Volunteers of Tucson office ([2850 E Speedway](#)).

## **Best of Stories that Soar! 2010**

On Saturday, May 22nd, over 500 people gathered at the Temple of Music and Art to celebrate young writers amidst the glitz and glamor of a live "Hollywood Circus" production.

The crowd enjoyed a myriad of stories written by elementary school authors, which were presented by professional adult performers through music, dance, comedy, drama, puppetry and more.

Check out STS! live performances [here](#).

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **June 3, 2010 Pima Community College GED Celebration (7pm- )**

Pima Community College Adult Education will hold a Celebration of Achievement for students who have earned their General Education Development (GED) Diploma in the last year.

GED graduates will also be recognized for their academic accomplishments by members of the Pima Community College Board of Governors, the Governor's office, and local

community leaders.

Tucson Convention Center Music Hall, [260 S. Church Ave.](#)

**June 3, 2010**  
**LEARN GED Celebration**

(7pm- )

The Literacy, Education And Resource Network (LEARN) of the Adult Probation Department of the Arizona Superior Court in Pima County celebrates their recent GED graduates.

Pima Courts Training Center, [2225 E. Ajo Way.](#)

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**Literacy for Life Coalition Steering Committee:**

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