

# The READ Review

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## What's New with READ?

### **Get Ready to Spell . . .**

Join READ for a fun evening of competitive S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G! Create a team of friends and colleagues to challenge your rivals for the highest scores for correctly spelled words. Win prizes! Enjoy free food and a cash bar! Support a great community cause - higher literacy for La Porte County.

Spell Bowl is open to businesses, not-for-profit organizations and individuals. Each team may register up to four players for \$100.00, with non-profit organizations receiving a discounted rate of \$50.00.

This event will take place Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at the VFW Hall in la Porte. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Use the attached form to register your team today!

### **We Need Tutors!**

Want to make a difference in someone's life in just one hour a week? Become a member of our amazing team of tutors! We have a particular need for tutors in our adult education programs, but can easily place prospective tutors in the programs of their choice.

To learn more, contact us at [readlaportecounty@gmail.com](mailto:readlaportecounty@gmail.com) or attend our Spring Tutor Training on April 18, 2015 at the La Porte County Public Library. The training runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Please RSVP by April 15, 2015.

### **Community Open House returns**

Thanks to a generous grant from the La Porte Urban Enterprise Association, last year's popular Community Open House will return on May 13, 2015.

READ volunteers, students, board members and the general public are invited to celebrate READ's progress and learn more about opportunities to assist in our mission. Our line-up for the evening includes a pizza dinner, a brief presentation about READ and reading-related door prize drawings for attendees. A children's craft activity will also be available.

Please help us spread the word about this fun event, then join us in the Large Conference Room of the La Porte County Public Library from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



### **Wings for Literacy**

On Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, READ will be partnering with Buffalo Wild Wings in La Porte for a Give Back Event. We will receive a percentage of all dine-in and carry out food and non-alcoholic beverage sales between 5 and 8 p.m. No voucher or coupon is required.

READ is currently serving a total of 184 students of all ages using 34 tutors and paid teachers. We have 13 students waiting to be matched with tutors. Will you help us take someone off our waiting list?

## 2015 Partnership Opportunities

Do you own or manage a local business? We would love to talk to you about the following topics:

### TUTORING SERVICES

- \*Are you having difficulties finding qualified hires due to candidates' limited literacy skills?
- \*Do you have current employees who wish to brush up on their reading, math, English or computer skills?

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- \*Are you looking for a simple way for your company to give back to the community?
- \*Might your employees be interested in a flexible, customizable and rewarding volunteer opportunity?
- \*Would you or your employees like to learn about READ's current tutor needs?

If you are interested in learning more about the ways READ can help your business, please contact Mary Hedge at (219) 325-0875 or [mhedge8@comcast.net](mailto:mhedge8@comcast.net) to schedule a brief informational session.

### Important Dates to Save:

**March 25th – Community Spell Bowl at VFW Hall**

**April 18th – Spring Tutor Training at the La Porte County Public Library**

**May 13th – Community Open House at the La Porte County Public Library**

**May 27th – Give Back Night at Buffalo Wild Wings in La Porte**

**September 24th – Scrabble Tournament at the Best Western Plus in La Porte**

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## What We're READING...A Review of Anthony Doerr's "All the Light We Cannot See" by Peggy Cunningham

This book was a finalist for the 2014 National Book Award, and has been named by the New York Times Book Review and numerous book sellers as one of the 10 best books of the year—and rightly so. It is a beautifully written, compelling story of two innocent young people caught on opposite sides of the horror of the Second World War.

Marie Laure lives with her father in Paris within blocks of the Museum of Natural History where he works as a locksmith and keeper of the keys of the Museum. When she becomes blind at age six, her father builds scale models of the neighborhoods she must learn to negotiate with her cane in order to become self reliant.

In another world, in a small mining town near Essen Germany, an orphan boy, Werner, lives with his younger sister, Jutta, in a children's home. When he finds a discarded short wave radio, his determination to make it functional again unleashes a gift for science and for building and for repairing radios. This passion and skill earn him a place in a Nazi training school for the military elite.

When the Germans occupy Paris in 1940, Marie Laure and her father flee to St. Malo, on the Brittany Coast, to live with her eccentric great uncle in a tall narrow house by the sea wall. Although Uncle Etienne is agoraphobic and never leaves the house, with Marie Laure's courage and collaboration, he uses his radio transmitter to aid the French Resistance Movement.

Marie Laure's and Werner's paths converge in 1944, when Werner, now a highly specialized tracker of the Resistance, is sent to St. Malo to trace and destroy the sender of the mysterious broadcasts.

*"All the Light We Cannot See" is available in hard copy and electronically through the La Porte County Public Library.*

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# READ LA PORTE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY



Wednesday  
**MARCH 25, 2015**  
at the  
**VFW Hall**  
181 W McClung Road, La Porte  
  
6:00 pm – Registration  
Free Refreshments and Cash Bar  
6:30 pm – Tournament begins  
promptly  
  
We look forward to seeing YOU!

***2015 Entry Form***  
***DEADLINE: March 18th***

**Company/Team Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address**\_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip**\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone**\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact/Team Captain**\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address of Contact Person**\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, we will enter a team in the tournament. Enclosed is our check for \$100. (Or \$50 for non-profit organizations.) We understand we will be sent the list of spelling bowl words upon receipt of our check. We are allowed up to 4 members on our team.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we cannot send our own team, but we are pleased to sponsor a non-profit team. Our check for \$50 is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we cannot participate in this year's Community Spell Bowl, but we would like to make a donation to support literacy. Our check for \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**Please return this form along with your check payable to:**  
**READ La Porte County, Inc., 904 Indiana Avenue, La Porte, IN 46350.**



**For further information, please contact us at 325-0875 or  
download forms from [www.readlaportecounty.org](http://www.readlaportecounty.org).**