

LITERACY CHICAGO

Chicago's Oldest Literacy Organization

Literacy Chicago's is pleased and proud to welcome our 2015 keynote speaker to this year's **Well Read Affair**. **Zondwa Mandela**, grandson of the South African President and freedom fighter Nelson Mandela, will keynote our event on Friday August 21, at the Union League Club, 65 West Jackson Blvd. Mandela will discuss the importance of efforts to provide all citizens with opportunities to pursue education and achieve basic literacy, while also highlighting how doing so brings greater prosperity to communities across the globe. The 30-year-old serves as the managing director/chief executive officer of South African based Aurora Empowerment Systems, which invests in emerging markets within Africa. Mandela, who has a background in marketing management and economics, is a proponent of literacy and education programs in his native South Africa.

This **Well Read Affair** brings together donors, volunteers, friends and community members in support of Literacy Chicago, Chicago's oldest literacy organization providing tuition free classes and/or one-on-one tutoring in Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Education Development (GED) preparation and English as a Second Language (ESL). Past speakers for the **Well Read Affair** have included Linda Yu of ABC 7 Chicago, attorney and bestselling author Scott Turow and journalist Nancy Giles.

Literacy Chicago is Chicago's oldest literacy organization, and works to empowers individuals to achieve greater self-sufficiency through language and literacy instruction. Formed by the merger of Literacy Volunteers of Chicago and Literacy Council of Chicago, literally thousands of area adults have participated in the broad range of programs Literacy Chicago has developed, including basic literacy, GED preparation, and English as a Second Language. Literacy Chicago continues its learner-focused programming by relying heavily on the efforts of volunteer tutors, frequently offering ancillary classes such as health literacy, computer literacy, and financial literacy, to support their language/literacy options.

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What: **Literacy Chicago's *The Well Read Affair 2015***

When: Friday, August 21, 2015, 6:00pm

Where: Union League Club
65 West Jackson Blvd

Why: Support for Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Education Development (GED) preparation and English as a Second Language (ESL).

Ticket/Sponsorship Information: For more information on sponsorships or to purchase your ticket, please visit our web site <http://www.literacychicago.org>