



A Friendraiser  
& Fundraiser  
Breakfast

# THERE IS A LITERACY CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Only **37.4%** of third-grade students are proficient in reading. Without intervention, 74% of poor readers in 4th grade are still poor readers in 9th grade. Literacy strengthens every part of our community. **Now is your chance to make a difference by supporting Read Write Spell** to provide volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with students; professional development for early childhood educators to help increase kindergarten readiness; and free resources and support for parents and caregivers.



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PRESENTS

**Emily Hanford**

*National Public Journalist  
Producer and Host of 'Sold A Story'*

In 2017, Emily Hanford began investigating how children are taught to read. In a series of ongoing reports, she helped teachers, parents, and policymakers recognize widespread flaws in instruction and helped spark a movement to bring the science of reading to schools. She and reporter Christopher Peak have a new podcast about how reading instruction went so wrong. Their *Sold A Story* podcast recording is available at <https://features.apmreports.org/sold-a-story>.

**8AM - 9AM Tuesday Nov. 7, 2023**  
Doors open at 7:30 AM



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