Words Alive exists to inspire children, young adults and families to be passionate about reading in order to unlock their imagination and to be better prepared for the future.

We focus on underserved communities and at-risk youth. Our programs develop cognitive and verbal skills, instill a love of reading and enhance self-esteem. They also allow young readers to understand their own personal experience and how it relates to a larger context. We demonstrate that reading can be a dynamic, magical, fun part of life, and that a commitment to reading contributes to personal and professional success.

**Volunteer Needs:** Interested in expanding your volunteer roles at Words Alive? Or know of anyone that wants to join our Words Alive family?

**Adolescent Book Group Volunteer:** Opening three new sites in fall 2012!

**What:** The ABG program is opening three new sites in fall 2012. All three new schools will be a part of the Juvenile Court and Community School system. ABG Volunteers are tasked to facilitated book discussions once a month in the classroom from October-May.

**Skill Sets:** We are looking for volunteers who are voracious readers, enjoy working with adolescents and are interested in engaging students in the classroom setting.

**Time Commitment:** As an ABG Volunteer Reader, you will be tasked to attend a Kids in Gangs Workshop, 1-hour facilitated book group workshop and 1-hour orientation (August); 1-hour kick-off meeting with the teacher, site manager and fellow volunteers (September); read the books each month (October-May); and attend a 1.5 hour session each month (date/times TBD).

**Volunteer Needs:** We are in need of 30-50 volunteers to start in fall 2012

**Interested?** If you are interested in this program or know of someone that may be interested, please contact me at Chrissy@wordsalive.org or 858.274.9673 (WORD) ext 304 at your earliest convenience.

**Early Literacy Intervention Volunteer Readers:** Opening six new sites in fall 2012!

**What:** The ELI program is looking to fill volunteer positions in a number of our program sites within Child Development Centers, state-funded preschools and head start locations. As an ELI volunteer, you are tasked to read books aloud in the classroom. The ELI program serves pre-kindergarten aged children, ranging from 3-5 years old.

**Skill Sets:** We are looking for volunteers who enjoy working with pre-school aged children and who have a knack for engaging students of that young age!

**Volunteer Needs:** We are in need of 48-56 volunteers to start in fall 2012

**Interested?** If you are interested in this program or know of someone that may be interested, please contact me at Amanda@wordsalive.org or 858.274.9673 (WORD) ext 303 at your earliest convenience.