Literacy, my definition of literacy is having the ability to read and write which leads to understanding things. When I searched the term "what is literacy" it simply was defined as " the ability to read and write". Based on John Trischitti it was a lot more than just reading and writing, it was about understanding the world around you. There are many forms of literacy like for example computer literacy, health literacy, financial literacy, and ect. John Trischitti defined literacy as having the ability to read which is the foundation of all essential skills are built. In the future it can help us decrease or eliminate the spread of crime, hunger, poverty ect. The rate on the listed above is so high because there are currently a billion or more people in the world right now that are illiterate which have the lack of ability to read. Isn't that shocking? The world would've been a much better place if the rate of illiteracy was lower. John Trischitti stated that literacy is the tool necessary to break those harsh social barriers which sometimes we find ourselves in. John Trischitti also mentioned that no other factor like literacy can highly increase the chances of a person's success, earning potential, health, and well-being which he finds very important. I strongly agree with John Trischitti's statements because having the ability to read, write and learn is the main factor of a person's life for their personal interest. I loved how he presented the fact that we need to get books into the hands of kids and how much of an impact that would be within the generation. Instead of buying a toy as a birthday gift that would break in a week, buy a book and hand it to them.