

The mission of Raising Readers in Story County is to improve language and literacy development in children from birth to age eight and nurture healthy parent-child relationships.



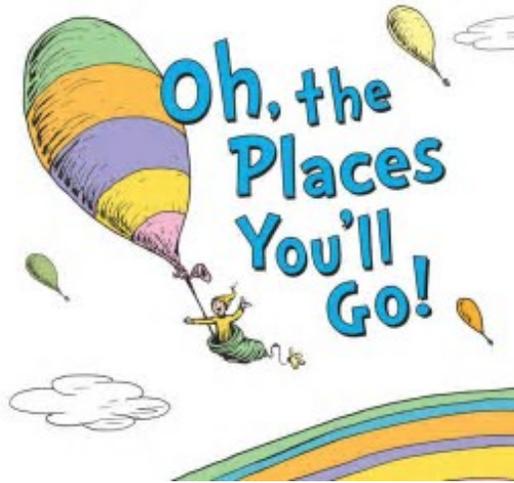
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"To encourage literature and the arts is a duty which every good citizen owes to his country." - George Washington

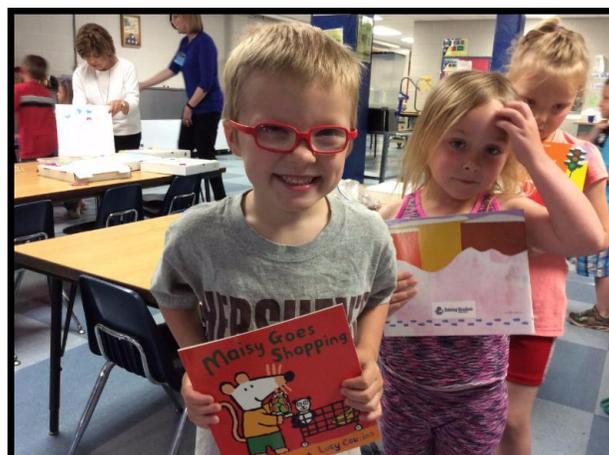
Oh The Places You'll Go

Please join us on Thursday, October 19 from 4:30-6:30pm at City Church in Ames for our Annual Meeting and Celebration! We'll be sharing the exciting new communities we worked in and continue to expand in Story County, as well as where we might go next! Please RSVP to contact@raising-readers.org by October 11 to reserve your spot!



School Year Programs Kicking Off This Month!

Raising Readers in Story County's school year literacy mentoring and tutoring programs begin this month! StoryPals is again at Northwood Preschool in Ames, Central Elementary School in Nevada, and Colo-NESCO Elementary School in Zearing. Community volunteers will be reading with preschoolers identified by their teachers as students who would benefit from extra reading and literacy activities once a week. By using dialogic reading techniques, these volunteers will engage their preschoolers in stories using puppets, props, and questions to help the children relate the stories to their own lives, building literacy skills and vocabulary at the same time!



Harrison Barnes Reading Academy-School Year Tutoring will begin in the middle of the month, and we're excited to share that this program is expanding to Nevada! K-3rd grade children will work with trained volunteer tutors after school at the Ames Public Library and Central Elementary School to improve literacy skills by reading, being read to, literacy games and writing activities. We thank Harrison Barnes for his generous support of this program!



Volunteer Molly Clasing with her 2016-17 HBRA friends

ACPC Reading Buddies has begun as well. Four-year-olds in the Grasshopper Room at Ames Community Preschool Center will work with volunteers reading stories and playing literacy games to expand their vocabulary and lay the ground-work for reading success. Five volunteers (three new this year!) will be meeting twice a week with their preschool Buddies.



Volunteer Jeannie Roth with 2016-17 Buddies

Ongoing programs include Eastwood StoryTime, Eastwood Tot Time, and Reach Out and Read. Read to Succeed students will receive their first books in November!





20 Minutes a Day At Home Supports Their Literacy Growth!

Reading at least twenty minutes a day at home is so important to a child's literacy development.

Make sure the children in your life are reading and/or being read to at least twenty minutes a day with you to maintain the reading skills they are working so hard to accomplish during the school year.

THANK YOU!

We thank all of our generous donors, volunteers, and partners who are helping to create brighter futures for Story County children and families.

Donations like yours support our programs. We thank our 2017-18 ISU Work Study students **Kibben Young** and **Michaela Thomas** for joining our team. Kibben is assisting Judy Dahlke with her programs Eastwood StoryTime, Tot Time, and ACPC Reading Buddies and Michaela is assisting Lisa Reeves with her programs Harrison Barnes Reading Academy and StoryPals. Your support helps make our programs possible!



If you would like to help support the vital programs offered by Raising Readers in Story County please make a gift today!

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Dates to Remember

Calendar of Programs

2017 RRSC Annual Celebration/Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 4:30pm-6:30pm
City Church, Ames

ISU Bookland

Sunday, November 5, 1pm-3pm
Monday, November 6, 6pm-8pm
Ames Public Library

Eastern Story County Step Into Storybooks

Saturday, March 3, 2018
Central Elementary School, Nevada

Step Into Storybooks

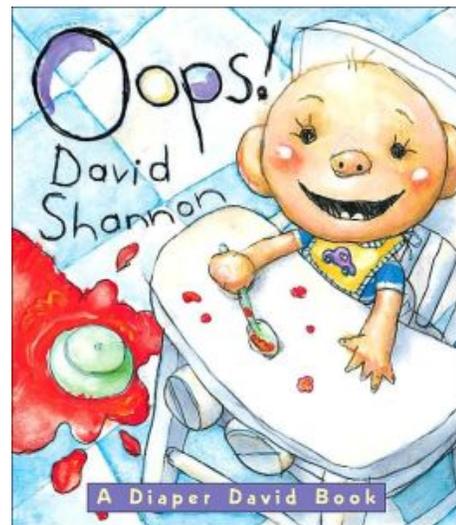
Saturday, April 14, 2018
Ames Public Library



#WeekendReading

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to get inspiration each Friday on a book to read with your family!

If you have a favorite #weekendreading book that you read as a family, email contact@raising-readers.org and we may feature it in the coming weeks!

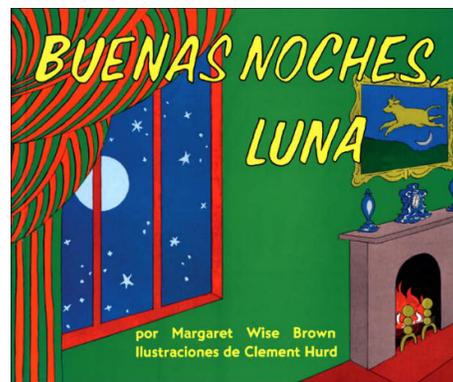


RRSC Wish List

We are so grateful for our volunteers and supporters and have a few things that we are looking to add to our organization. If you would like to donate, please contact us at contact@raising-readers.org.

Wish List

- Roller suitcases (all sizes)
- Korean/Mandarin/Cantonese language children's books
- Spanish language children's books
- Arabic language children's books
- Fabric tote bags *you know, the ones that are in a pile in your closet!*
- Empty cereal boxes and empty round oatmeal containers with lids for Summer 2018 Enrichment programs





Tote bags with handles help us carry books easily!

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