



RRSC Story Lines

August Offers a Fresh Start

Dear Friends of Raising Readers,
This month always signals a fresh start for the teacher in me. As an elementary educator for 27 years, each August would bring a new school year, refreshed classrooms, new student rosters, updated curriculum and events...new beginnings in so many ways. Because of our work with children and families, I continue to feel this sense of August renewal at Raising Readers. Perhaps it is the perfect time for each of us to set a new intention to support the language and literacy development of the children in our community. I hope you will embrace some of the many opportunities that this month offers whether it be registering your child for a fall program, making a commitment to service by signing up for a volunteer role, or donating to support our family-focused programs. Together we can best provide the start every child deserves.

Warm regards,

Kristi Mayo



Support RRSC!

Please donate to support our mission to impact children's literacy

UPCOMING EVENTS and PROGRAMS

What's next?

Check out our calendar of events to see where you'll find Raising Readers in August!

- August 9
 - [UWSC's Golf Fore Kids](#)Ames Golf & Country Club, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
- August 12 & 26
 - [STARS Storytime](#)RRSC office, North Grand Mall, 10-10:30 am
- August 13-22
 - [Blast Back to School](#)School sites throughout Story Co, times vary
- August 15
 - [Little Cyclone Teacher Academy](#)Ames High School Commons, 11:00 am-1:00 pm
- Ongoing through Aug 18
 - [RRSC Summer Book Drive](#)Books-a-Million, Ames
- August 23
 - [Huxley Prairie Festival](#)Huxley, 4:30-8:30 pm
- August 28
 - [ISU Welcome Fest](#)Memorial Union, ISU, 5:30-8:30 pm

RRSC mission: To support the language and literacy of young children by providing books, caregiver guidance, and early childhood programs.



Children at Play Pages choose new books to take home!

[Register for Reading Buddies!](#)

Registration for Fall Reading Buddies in Ames and Nevada is open!



Apply to Fall 2024-2025

Reading Buddies

1st & 2nd grade students working on reading skills
Two, 45 minute sessions weekly
Eight weeks

Applications due Friday, September 6, 2024



Playful Pages Family Workshop: Foodie Fun



Our first Playful Pages Family Workshop series wrapped up in July with Foodie Fun.



Families engaged in supported play exploring food themes and building contextual background.



Caregivers were supported with discussion prompts and vocabulary tips as they dove into learning through play!

Watch for our next Playful Pages workshop series to begin this winter!

STARS Storytime

Sing, Talk, And Read for Success

STARS Storytime at Raising Readers in Story County is offered 2 Monday mornings a month. Caregivers and their children participate in a fun storytime filled with songs, poems, and stories around a specific theme.

In July we explored construction vehicles and food. A favorite activity this month was letting each child pick out a toy vegetable and using our imagination to wash and chop it before adding it to our soup and eating it up!

Upcoming Storytimes at 10:00 am

- **August 12th: Things that Go**
- **August 26: Counting Fun**



Reading Program Spotlight

• DID YOU KNOW?

- We have two reading programs you can volunteer with!

• WHAT DO THEY DO?

- Our Story Pals Volunteers . . .
 - Read with preschoolers twice a week in 20 minute shifts
- Our Reading Buddies Volunteers . . .
 - Implement individualized lesson plans with a buddy to help develop and maintain literacy skills

• JOIN OUR TEAM:

- We need more reading program volunteers to help us continue our mission!
- Email hannabell@raising-readers.org to get started or visit <https://www.raising-readers.org/programs> to sign up on our program pages



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

STORY PALS

- FALL 2024
- MORNING OR AFTERNOON
- WEEKLY SESSIONS
- SUPPORT PRESCHOOL READERS

APPLY TODAY!



[VOLUNTEER with Raising Readers in Story County!](#)

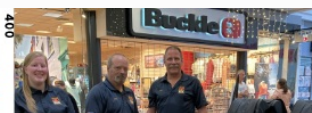


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

READING BUDDIES

- SEPTEMBER- NOVEMBER 2024
- TWO AFTERSCHOOL SESSIONS PER WEEK
- SUPPORT 1ST & 2ND GRADE READERS

APPLY TODAY!





23/24 Recap





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