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RRSC Story Lines

Happy Holidays from RRSC!

Dear Friends of Raising Readers,

The holiday season is in full swing! At Raising Readers our fall programs are coming to a close and now we take time to reflect on feedback, assess impact data, and make changes to improve our offerings. At the same, we gear up for participation with events that make the holidays brighter for children in our community and begin promoting our winter family workshops, Playful Pages, as well as planning our annual spring event, Step Into Story Books.

Our annual fall appeal continues and so many of you have graciously sent dollars to support our mission. We literally couldn't do the work without you and we are so appreciative. If you missed our mailing or just haven't gotten around to the task but would like to contribute, Giving Tuesday is the perfect opportunity! The *DONATE* button allows various methods of online donation as well as instructions for mailing checks and making tribute

Support RRSC!



Click below to support our mission to impact children's literacy and share the joy of reading

DONATE

contributions.

Thank you for your support in 2024! We're excited to share everything we have planned to support the language and literacy of our community families in 2025!

Warm regards-

Kristi Mayo

Executive Director

Raising Readers in Story County

RAISING READERS IN STORY COUNTY

VOLUNTEER NEEDS FOR WINTER AND SPRING 2024

Join us at RRSC for one of our winter or spring volunteer activities!

APPLICATIONS ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN!
SIGN UP FOR SMALL TALK OR READING BUDDIES TODAY!

EVENTS and PROGRAMS

What's next?

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

- December 9 & 23
- **STARS Storytime**

RRSC office, North Grand Mall, Ames, 10-10:30 am

Story Pals Fall 2024



Story Pals partners had to say goodbye to their preschool buddies this month but we'll be back later this winter!

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER CORE!

SMALL TALK
Join RRSC for our Small Talk program on Thursday evenings. Volunteers will assist with station activities, participant check in, and story time.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/90C0B4CA7A2CABF9C07-53409602-winter/>

READING BUDDIES
Volunteer to help K-2nd graders improve their literacy skills and foster a love of reading.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS5DqDts_mjRkDpn5gITAw5eoyX0mS44IT397Acv6SP2LkXGgQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

- Nov 20 - Dec 20
 - Duckworth Wearing Book Drive

Main Street Ames

- Ends Sun Dec 8!
 - Books-a-Million Book Drive

Books-a-Million in Ames

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

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VOLUNTEER
CORE!

STORY PALS

Contact Hanna Bell at hannabell@raising-readers.org to be added to the spring volunteer contact list. She will contact interested volunteers as soon as the locations and times are determined.

Happy Graduation



Small Talk Fall 2024

Congratulations to all the Small Talk graduates! These three families have shown incredible dedication to their little ones' future. Their commitment to building their babies' brains through talk is incredible.

Thank you for sharing your journey and growing together in the important mission of nurturing your baby's brain development—you are giving your little ones the best start in life!







**AGE 3-5
AND THEIR
FAMILY**

Playful Pages Family Workshops



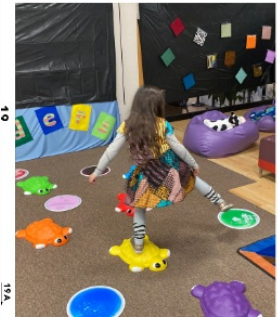
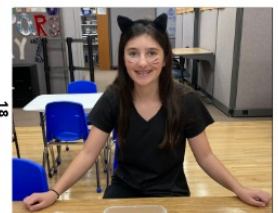
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- 2025**
- Winter
- January 18 | Little Laboratory
 - February 15 | Building Bonanza
- Spring
- March 15 | Food Fest
 - March 20 | Bonus Spring Break
 - April 19 | Rain or Shine
 - May 17 | Inside Explorers
- Fall
- September 20 | Harvest Happenings
 - October 18 | Pet Palooza
 - November 15 | Dino Discoveries
 - December 20 | Traveling Tales



#Recap 2024





Story Pals discussing and reading together at Northwood Preschool in Ames

Interested in Learning More?

- Stop by our space in the North Grand Mall to chat with our welcome desk volunteers about their experience
- Visit our website at <https://www.raising-readers.org/programs/open-hours-at-the-mall> to see our hours of operation and welcome desk schedule
- Make an appointment with Hanna Bell at hannabell@raising-readers.org to discover how you can become a welcome desk volunteer



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