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RRSC Story Lines

Summer Brings More Community Engagement Opportunities

Dear Friends of Raising Readers,
In my mind July marks mid-summer, and I always take a moment to reflect on the progress of my summer bucket list. When I consider our summer goals at Raising Readers, I'm pleased that several accomplishments can be checked off. We have found ourselves advocating for early talk and reading, providing access to books and delivering children's programs at locations throughout Story county - Nevada, Maxwell, Collins, and Ames to mention a few! And we aren't done yet as there are plenty more summer opportunities planned to do what we love most and know will impact the lives of the next generation - connect with families, share the importance of early literacy, and put books into the hands of our Story County children.
Check out our events and programs calendar below and



please share with the families of young children in your life. As always, we thank our generous donors and volunteers as we can only continue this work with your continued support. If you haven't joined us in our mission, I hope you will consider it. To volunteer, donate or learn more about our program offerings, visit www.raising-readers.org.

Warm regards,

Kristi Mayo

Executive Director

Raising Readers in Story County

UPCOMING EVENTS and PROGRAMS

What's next?

Our summer calendar is full of events, programs, and ways to add to your summer adventure!

- July 8
 - **Slater Children's Market**
Main Street, Slater, 5:00-6:30 pm (rain date 7/9)
- July 8 & 22
 - **STARS Storytime**
RRSC office, North Grand Mall, 10-10:30 am
- July 13
 - **Playful Pages Family Workshop: Foodie Fun**
RRSC office, North Grand Mall, 9:30-10:30 am
- July 13
 - **RRSC at Colo Crossroads Festival**
Hickory Grove Park, Colo, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- July 20
 - **RRSC at the Story County Fair**
County Fairgrounds, Nevada, 9:00-3:00 pm

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

Support RRSC!

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

DONATE



Step Into Story Books grand prize raffle winners on their trip to Hobbit's Hill Farm!

Fall Reading Buddies in Ames and Nevada registration coming soon!

Contact [Laura](#) for more

Summer Programs

at 
Raising Readers
in Story County



Reading Buddies:

- +Ames Public Library
- +Fellows Elementary
- +Memorial Lutheran
- +Collins Elementary
- Partnership with YSS
- +Nevada Middle School
- Partnership with YSS

Storytime

Community Events

Small Talk

Story Pals

Playful Pages

WHAT DID CAREGIVERS LIKE ABOUT SUMMER STORY PALS?

-The awesome guidance for questions/activities in the book packets

-She enjoyed the books and some of the activities we did with the books. Make bread visit the shelter.... Also was excited to attend her own program like her big sister

--Reading with the volunteer, getting the books to read during the weekend, and being able to pick the free books at the end of the program.

Summer Story Pals at North Grand was a success! This year we served 10 preschool students and matched them up with enthusiastic volunteers to read, talk about stories, retell, and learn new words!

Now accessible from
anywhere in Story County

**Enroll in Small Talk
to build your baby's
brain through talk**



When Does Small Talk Start?

July 10 - September 12

- Wednesdays at 10:00 - 10:45 am
- Thursdays at 6:30 - 7:15 pm

Where do we meet?

For your convenience, we are offering Small Talk virtually this summer.

You can join us from anywhere if you reside in Story county



What if I can't make it to every class?

We know summer is busy, so **we are offering two options each week**, you choose if you'd rather attend the daytime or evening session.



What will I learn?

You'll learn about your child's brain development and how to use the 14 LENA Talking Tips to boost your child's brain growth so they'll reach their full potential.



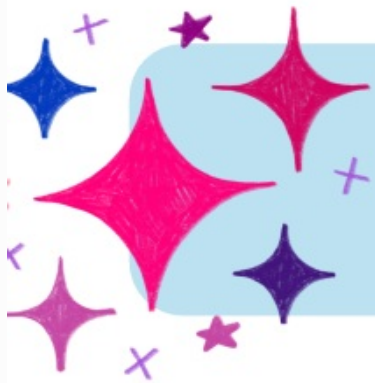
How do I sign up?

Good news! You still have time to register. Use this QR code or email smalltalk@raising-readers.org





WHY YOU SHOULD VOLUNTEER!



Volunteering reduces anxiety and stress. Helping others helps you!

(Segal & Robinson, 2024)

Many volunteers learn valuable skills that translate to the workplace and increase hirability.

(Deloitte, 2024)



Regular volunteers are more likely to see increases in their levels of happiness!

(Bloomerang, 2024)

Volunteering helps you stay physically



you stay physically healthy!

(Segal & Robinson, 2024)



Regular volunteering helps to build community relationships.

(Bloomerang, 2024)

Email hannabell@raising-readers.org to share your own volunteer story (with pictures) and we'll create a collage for our August newsletter!

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



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