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RRSC Story Lines

Summertime Adventures and Time for Family Connection

Dear Friends,

As we move into summer, I think about the opportunity families have to reconnect and make memories.

Weather allowing us to be outdoors and experience nature goes a long way in creating quality time with our loved ones.

At Raising Readers we are busiest in the summer! With a multitude of community events and partnerships we find ourselves traveling throughout the county to share books and deliver programs to young learners, communicating upcoming program information, and spreading the word about the power of intentional early language and literacy practices that can make such a difference for the little ones in our lives.



We invite you to spread the joy of literacy and learning! Share our program opportunities, visit us at events, drop by our office in North Grand Mall in Ames for Storytime, consider volunteering for us, and if able, donate to help support all of this very important work. By donating to RRSC, you're investing in the future of our community's children by ensuring we have the resources to continue on with our mission to improve literacy outcomes in Story County .

To volunteer, donate or learn more, visit www.raising-readers.org. Thank you for your continued support.

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!

- June 7
 - **Ames on the Half Shell**
Bandshell Park, Ames, 5:00-8:00 pm
- June 10
 - **STARS Storytime**
RRSC office, North Grand Mall, 10-10:30 am
- June 10
 - **Playful Pages Family Workshop: Experiment Explorers**
RRSC office, North Grand Mall, 3:00-4:00pm
Register for Playful Pages by June 7th!
- June 12
 - **North Grand at Sundown**
North Grand Mall parking lot, 5:00-8:30 pm
- June 15
 - **Juneteenth Community**



Support RRSC!

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

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Celebration

Bandshell Park, Ames, 11:30 am-5:30 pm

- June 23
 - **Maxwell Market in the Park**
- Maxwell City Park, 12:00-2:30 pm

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



Fall Reading Buddies registration coming soon!

Contact [Laura](#) for more program info!



Most parents think they talk more to their children than they actually do.

The first three years of life are a critical time for rapid brain growth and development.

Science shows that babies' brains make more and better connections when they get more talk and conversation with their parents.

Small Talk uses LENA Start technology to show parents how much they are talking with their child.

Group Stars Report



These amazing parents earned 95 group stars! Almost doubling our goal of 51.

100% graduation rate!

Three families had a 4 week streak for increasing word spoken to their child.

Two families earned 4 star streaks for increasing conversational turns with their babies.

Five families had a 4 Star Streak for increasing reading minutes.

Welcome Desk Spotlight

- **DID YOU KNOW?**

- We have over eight amazing volunteers regularly manning our welcome desk!

- **WHAT DO THEY DO?**

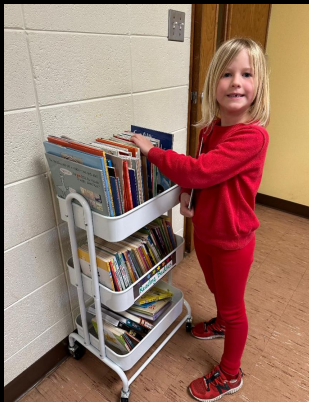
- Our welcome desk volunteers . . .
 - Greet visitors as the first friendly face you see upon entering our space in North Grand Mall
 - Share information about RRSC's mission, programs, and volunteer opportunities with guests
 - Oversee our play space and help keep our gates open during the day

- **JOIN OUR TEAM:**

- We need more welcome desk volunteers to help us continue our mission!
- Weekly and biweekly shifts are available
- Email hannabell@raising-readers.org to get started!



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



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