



RRSC Story Lines

Celebrating 25 Year of Empowerment Through Language & Literacy

Dear Friends of Raising Readers,

While our summer programs begin and opportunities for community advocacy abound, I can't go another month without recapping our fabulous birthday event held in late April. Here is one recount shared by RRSC board member, Lynne Carey.

Our recent 25th Birthday Celebration was a great success! We were thrilled with the turnout and the opportunity to engage with so many supporters. It was such fun to see old friends and meet new ones as we honored the work and accomplishments of the last 25 years of Raising Readers in Story County.

Highlights of the event included:

- *honoring members of the original Board of Directors,*
- *enjoying a special story time presented by former First Lady Christie Vilsack, and*
- *presenting the inaugural Carolyn Jons RRSC Literacy*

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Champion Award to the incomparable Carolyn Jons.

We appreciated a wonderful timeline with photos featuring highlights of the last 25 years, many engaging displays of all the current programs on offer, and the opportunity to share memories of the amazing things we have accomplished together.

Now that we've reflected on the many successful years leading up to where we are today, Raising Readers is excited to move forward, continuing our mission to empower children and families through literacy for the next 25 years! We appreciate your past, present, and future support!

Yours in literacy~

Kristi Mayo

Executive Director

Raising Readers in Story County

*If you'd ever like to explore other donation options more in line with planned or recurrent giving, feel free to send me an email and I am happy to discuss opportunities with you.

25th Birthday Party Photo Highlights



Faithful supporters joined us as we looked back on the 25 year history of Raising Readers and the impact felt



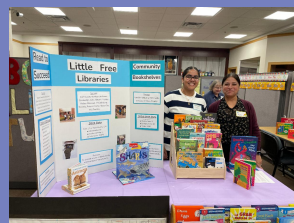
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PREMIER SPONSOR OF
RAISING READERS IN
STORY COUNTY'S 25TH
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION





LENA
START

BUILD YOUR BABY'S BRAIN THROUGH TALK



Engaging Parent and Child Activities

Built in quality time for you
and your baby



Expert Tips to boost brain development

Learn how to use the 14
Talking Tips with your child.



A fun and welcoming atmosphere

Meet other families while you
bond with your baby.

Small Talk is a parenting class designed to help you support your baby's brain development through the power of conversation. Parents and babies will talk, play, read, and sing together, making your baby smarter and happier!

Small Talk is for all parents with babies 0-32 months old who live in Story County and is offered at no cost to families.

Upcoming Small Talk Sessions are open now

Spring Sessions
Virtual Meet-up
April 1 - June 3
Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Summer Sessions
Ames Public Library
June 9 - August 11
Mondays, 9:30 - 10:30 AM

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Summer Small Talk sessions begin soon but there is still time to sign up!



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

Volunteers Needed!

Raising Readers in Story County is in need of volunteers for our Small Talk program. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up on Vome Volunteer.



WHAT:

Small Talk from LENA Start is a free program for parents that uses one on one classes to help increase interactive talk.

WHEN:

June - August on Mondays from 9:15 - 10:45 AM



WHERE:

Ames Public Library

REQUIREMENTS:

Pass a background check and be at least 14 years of age.

EVENTS and PROGRAMS

What's next?

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

- June 12 & 26
 - **STARS Storytime**

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

- June 14
 - **Juneteenth Community Celebration**

Bandshell Park, Ames, 12:30-5 pm

- June 26
 - **Community Choice PARC Food Trucks**

202 E Lincoln Way, Ames, 5:30-8 pm

- June 12, 19, 26
 - **Playful Pages Family Workshops**

Nevada Public Library, Nevada, 10-11 am

**AGE 3-5
AND THEIR
FAMILY**



Playful Pages Family Workshops

2025 NEVADA PUBLIC LIBRARY



**REGISTER
TODAY**

June 12 | Inside Explorers | 10:00 AM
June 19 | Building Bonanza | 10:00 AM
June 26 | Food Fest | 10:00 AM
July 10 | Rain or Shine | 10:00 AM
July 17 | Traveling Tales | 10:00 AM
July 24 | Dino Discoveries | 10:00 AM

**RAISING READERS IN STORY
COUNTY**

NEEDS

VOLUNTEERS

READING BUDDIES VOLUNTEERS

- Must be 14 years of age or older
- Pass a background check
- Participate in sessions twice a week for 8+ weeks
- Read with K-2nd grade students

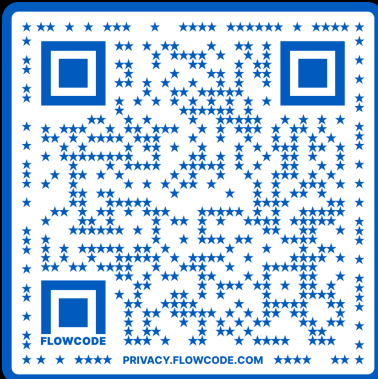


Summer Reading Buddies sessions will be held at the Ames Public Library from June 11th – July 30th on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Volunteers can sign up for the 4:00 PM or 5:00 PM sessions...or both!

Open Hours

MONDAY	10 AM-12 PM
TUESDAY	10 AM-2 PM
WEDNESDAY	12 PM-5 PM
THURSDAY	10 AM-12 PM
FRIDAY	CLOSED
SATURDAY	CLOSED
SUNDAY	CLOSED

*Thank you to the incredible volunteers who make our open hours possible. We couldn't do it without you!



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