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RRSC Story Lines

Celebrate Spring with a Gift Honoring Your Loved Ones

Dear Friends,

As spring blossoms around us, we're reminded of the special occasions that bring us together. Whether it's Mother's Day, Grandchildren's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, graduations or simply celebrating the beauty of the season, these moments are perfect for honoring the ones we love.

Your heartfelt donations are a meaningful way to pay tribute to those who have touched our lives. Your generosity not only celebrates cherished individuals but creates a legacy in their name that generates even greater support for our mission to foster language and literacy development in young children throughout Story County.

Spread the joy of literacy and learning this spring. By



donating to RRSC, you're investing in the future of our community's children and ensuring they have the tools to thrive.

To 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 filling fast! Let us know if you'd like us to add fun (and free books) to your community events and celebrations!

- May 11

- **Pizza Pielooza**

Nevada, Main Street area

2-5 pm

- May 13

- **STARS Storytime**

RRSC office at North Grand Mall

10-10:30 am

- May 18

- **Playful Pages Family Workshop: Green Thumbs**

RRSC office at North Grand Mall

9:30-10:30am

Registration is open!

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



Support RRSC!

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

DONATE



Summer registration and interest forms are open!

- **Story Pals**

- [Reading Buddies](#)

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

Step Into Storybooks 2024

On May 4th we welcomed 265 attendees from the Story County early childhood community to a morning filled with storybook adventure. The event offered 19 interactive, literacy-based stations and participants could try their luck at winning 19 raffle prizes! And of course, every child left with a new book!



**THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING**

**STEP INTO
STORYBOOKS**



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SMALL TALK

By the Numbers since July 2023



SMALL TALK FAMILIES

Since we have moved into offering group classes, over 30 families have taken part in Small Talk and we can proudly boast an 87% graduation rate.

BOOKS GIVEN TO FAMILIES

Each family earns a new book each week of the 10-week program. That's over 300 books placed in children's homes!



INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP GROWTH

Families receive weekly reports detailing how much they engage in talk with their baby. Additionally, we provide a group stars report to motivate the group. Every group has exceeded their group stars goal

SMALL TALK GROUPS

We've conducted four group sessions of Small Talk across Story County: University Childcare, the Nevada Public Library, our own Raising Readers Office space, and the Ames Public Library.



PARTNERSHIPS

Small Talk extends its reach into the community through collaboration with ISU Extension, Story County libraries, and partnerships with childcare centers, home childcare providers, food pantries, and local churches.

COMING UP

For the first time, we will offer two overlapping Small Talk group classes. In June we are offering Small Talk to ACPC families and in July we will begin our virtual Small Talk group, open to all families in Story County.



Volunteer Appreciation

On April 17th, we threw a party to show our appreciation for our amazing volunteers! It was a delightful gathering filled with tasty snacks, refreshing drinks, and heartwarming conversations with all who joined us. We cherished the opportunity to connect outside of our usual activities and express our gratitude for their dedicated support.



Volunteer Spotlight

Our programs depend on the support of community volunteers to deliver so many of our programs. Whether you love to work with children, label and deliver books, or participate in occasional events, we have a place for you! Explore our volunteer opportunities to see how you can make a difference for the children in Story County.

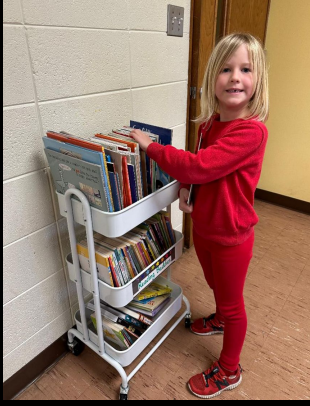
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