



RRSC Story Lines

Falling for Literacy in Story County

Dear Friends of Raising Readers,

With the vibrant colors of autumn soon to arrive, our fall programs are in full swing. It's a wonderful time to cozy up with a great book, and we're so grateful to see so many children and families engaging in our Story Pals, Reading Buddies, and Small Talk program sessions. Your commitment to children's language and literacy development is the true foundation of their lifelong success and we see the impact of that support every day.

Don't forget to check our "What's Next?" calendar for upcoming events throughout Story County. We have a fun, harvest-themed Playful Pages Family Workshop happening in Cambridge later this month, Malloween taking place at North Grand Mall at the end of the October, and other opportunities to

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



engage with community and support language and literacy foundation building.

Thank you for being a part of the Raising Readers family and helping us maximize the potential of every child in Story County.

Yours in literacy~

Kristi Mayo

Executive Director

Raising Readers in Story County

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PLAYFUL PAGES FAMILY WORKSHOPS

2025 Cambridge Library

- October 21, 10:00 am
Harvest Happenings
- November 18, 10:00 am
Traveling Tales

Age 3 - 5
and their
families

Register Now

EVENTS and PROGRAMS

What's next?

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

- October 9 & 23
 - **STARS Storytime**

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

- October 18
 - **Playful Pages: Pet Palooza**

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DONATE

If you'd like to explore other contribution options more in line with planned or recurrent giving, please send us an email. We are happy to discuss our full menu of donation opportunities with you.



Our resident butterfly Jerri entertained children at Monarch Magic held at Ada Hayden park in September.



Raising Readers volunteers had the opportunity to dress up and entertain community

- October 29
 - **Malloween**

North Grand Mall, Ames, 4:30-6:30 pm
(sensory friendly space available 4-6 pm at Raising Readers)

*members at St Andrew's
Comm Church's
Renaissance Faire earlier
this month.*



Happening Harvest

Playful Pages Family Workshop kicked off fall on September 18 with farm and harvest fun! Families enjoyed stories, apple weighing, pumpkin ramps, a corn seed sensory table, and apple prints—and each took home a new harvest book.

Join us for the next Playful Pages on October 18 with the theme Pet Palooza! Enrollment is open now. [open now.](#)



highlights

of September



Volunteer Fair



Day of Caring



Small Talk



LSI Car Seat Event



Playful Pages





Movie Night
at the PARC



Raising Readers volunteers enjoyed an evening at the Community Choice's *Flicks and Food Trucks at the PARC* event last month. Families were invited to an outdoor movie, free books from Raising Readers, and lots of community fun. Thank you Julie & Rick for your time supporting our mission!

FALL 2025 NEVADA PUBLIC LIBRARY

SMALL TALK

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Nevada Public Library:

Dylan Davison, the youth librarian, has worked with us to set up a welcoming space to offer classes, including technology for presentations, space for meals, story time, and play stations.

Nevada Food at First:

provides a well-balanced, nutritious meal to every participant each week.

Story Co. ISU Extension:

Mary Wilcox joins us each week and brings her expertise with Small Talk, as well as resources that support parents to foster their child's development.

* Quick Tip *

Vome Volunteer: Time Zones and Volunteer Shifts



1. Log into your Vome account
2. Go to the left-hand panel and click "Settings."
3. Find "Time Zone" and click "Change time zone."
4. Select the time zone you need your account to reflect.
5. Click "Save"



RRSC volunteer opportunities are listed CST formats. When traveling, Vome adjusts to your local time zone, so be mindful that the displayed times may not match CST. Double-check your time zone settings if needed.

Interested in learning more? Contact Hanna Bell at hannabell@raising-readers.org to set up an appointment.

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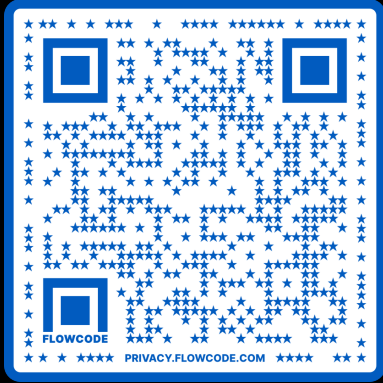
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RRSC mission: To support the language and literacy of young children by providing books, caregiver guidance, and early childhood programs.

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