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Gearing up for Fall

Dear Friends of Raising Readers,

The long summer days are waning and fall is creeping in quicker than some would hope. As the season changes, Raising Readers, too, shifts gears from a heavy focus on community outreach to preparation for new sessions of our in-person programs Reading Buddies, Small Talk, and Story Pals. **Our greatest need right now is volunteers!** Our in-person literacy programs are impactful but only happen if we have the support of community volunteers to partner with our young learners. Please check out our fall opportunities to make a difference for a child!

While looking forward to the start of new programs, we also take a moment to reflect on our goals and outcomes. We are proud to share that over 30,000 books were distributed to



Jaci Carr-Peeler shares RRSC program opportunities with educators at the Lil Cyclone Teacher Expo



children in our community in the past year through our various programs. Providing families with resources to access books in their homes is just one of the ways we support language and literacy development in our community and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you for your volunteerism, your monetary donations and sponsorships, and not of least, your shared commitment to the success of our children.

Warm regards,

Kristi Mayo

Executive Director

Raising Readers in Story County

EVENTS and PROGRAMS

What's next?

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

- September 7
 - **Monarch Magic**Ada Hayden Park, Ames 10:00 am-1:00 pm
- September 8
 - **Maxwell Market**Maxwell City Park, 12:00-2:30 pm
- September 9 & 23
 - **STARS Storytime**RRSC office, North Grand Mall, 10-10:30 am
- September 13
 - **United Way Day of Caring/Read Across Story County**County elementary schools, times vary
- September 14
 - **ISU Kid Power/Family Weekend**Northeast Campanile Lawn, ISU, 9:00-11:00 am
- September 15
 - **Nevada Farmer's Market**Main Street Nevada, 11:30 am-3:30 pm

Support RRSC!

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

DONATE



Dan Franklin has books ready for families at the Ballard Blast Back to School site

[Register for Reading Buddies!](#)

Registration for Fall Reading Buddies, an afterschool literacy support program for 1st and 2nd graders, closes soon!

***Sites available in Ames and Nevada.**

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



Program Spotlight Summary: Summer Reading Buddies

During the summer, this six week program focuses on getting students excited about reading through brief individualized lessons, learning activities, and shared reading. We are excited about the connections and progress made this summer serving 30 students across three sites!

Caregiver Feedback:

"Increased his love of reading, made him more confident in his reading"

"She loved the program and has grown her interest to read books. Thank you!"

Student Improvement Suggestion:

"Have it go all year long!"

Volunteer Observations:

"My student was better able to read big words. She practiced sounding out words she didn't know. She seemed more confident with reading bigger words."

"He changed from just wanting to play games to actually enjoying reading."

Blast Back to School 2024



Raising Readers traveled to six different schools in August to offer books to children preparing to go back to school!



As families arrived to collect backpacks and school supplies, they were also offered a new book to start their year off right!



We extend a heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who facilitated the Blast Back distribution tables across the county!

We appreciate Books-a-Million Ames for

providing almost 400 new titles for distribution at our fall events!



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Parent and Baby Classes:

Wednesdays 9:30 - 10:30 am
September 18 - November 20
First United Methodist Church
1036 7th St., Nevada



Register by September 13

Parent Virtual

or Make-up Sessions:

Mondays 6:00 - 6:45 pm
September 23 - November 25

Register by using the QR code above or email Robyn Reiersen at Smalltalk@raising-readers.org
www.Raising-Readers.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

STORY PALS

- FALL 2024
- MORNING OR AFTERNOON
- WEEKLY SESSIONS
- SUPPORT PRESCHOOL READERS

APPLY TODAY!



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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

READING BUDDIES

- SEPTEMBER- NOVEMBER 2024
- TWO AFTERSCHOOL SESSIONS PER WEEK
- SUPPORT 1ST & 2ND GRADE READERS

APPLY TODAY!



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