The 2012 Read for the Record event will be held on Thursday, October 4. This year’s book is *Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad* by David Soman and Jacky Davis.

This year, NDSU Golden Key is partnering with West Acres Shopping Center. The event will be held in the Herberger’s Court from Noon-7 pm.

The story will be read every 15-20 minutes so that many kids can participate in this nationwide event to break another world record. Scheduled readers include Amy Ruley, Tracy Briggs, Golden Key members, and Golden Key honorary members.

Read for the Record is an officially listed Homecoming Week event ([http://www.ndsualumni.com/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=1276](http://www.ndsualumni.com/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=1276)). We hope to see you on Thursday, October 4, 2012, at Read for the Record!

http://www.jstart.org/site/PageServer?pagename=rfr_homepage

On October 6, 2011, a new Guinness World Record was set with 2,184,155 children hearing *Llama Llama Red Pajama* by Anna Dewdney. NDSU Golden Key members, honorary members, and alumni read to 80 of those children.

NDSU GK partnered with Chick-fil-A (CFA) in Castle Rock, CO, to host an excellent service project. The story was read during the lunch and dinner hours. CFA gave the kids a bookmark with a coupon for a free kid’s meal.
**Read for the Record 2010**

The 2010 Read for the Record event was held on October 7. *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats was read to 2,057,513 children. That year, We Give Books began allowing people to read an online copy of the book at no charge. NDSU GK read to all 380 kids at Robert Asp Elementary (Moorhead, MN) who participated in the year’s event. One child heard the story that night at her home, bringing the chapter’s reach to 381 kids.

![Anna-Alicia reads the book.](image)

**Read for the Record 2009**

On October 8, 2009, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle was read to 2,019,752 kids. NDSU GK did more than half of the reading at Robert Asp Elementary in Moorhead, MN, reading to 165 kids who heard the story in the record attempt; Minnesota Reading Corps members read to at least 73 kids, bringing the school total to at least 238 kids. In the evening, 2 more children heard the story from an NDSU GK member, bringing the chapter’s reach to 167 kids.

![Rebecca reads *Corduroy* (2008).](image)

**Read for the Record 2008**

On October 2, 2008, the NDSU chapter began helping with Read for the Record. The project was coordinated by Emily Hagemeister, NDSU GK’s Vice President of Outreach. She did an excellent job arranging for members to read *Corduroy* by Don Freeman to the kids at Robert Asp Elementary in Moorhead, MN. Nationwide, 688,781 kids heard the story. Of the kids who heard the story at Robert Asp, 281 heard it from an NDSU GK member. Minnesota Reading Corps members also read the story to children at the school as part of the Read for the Record event. Chapter members enjoyed this literacy project so much that it soon became an annual event!
The NDSU chapter was established on November 21, 1995, and chartered on April 16, 1996. Since then, the chapter has received numerous regional and international awards, including Best New Chapter, Key Chapter, Honorable Mention Key Chapter, and Gold-Level Chapter (8 consecutive years since the current Chapter Standards were introduced in 2004-2005).

In 2012, Golden Key celebrates its 35 Anniversary. The organization was founded on November 29, 1977, at Georgia State University.