



U.S. Department of Education

Washington, D.C.



**AMERICA
READS**

**PHOTOCOPY
PRESERVATION**

- Higher Ed Authorization — every ^{state} ~~one~~ who gets it, all have
to have some kind of reading program

- Child Care Reads



America Reads challenges every American to help all our children learn to read, including English Language Learners and students with disabilities. America Reads sparks collaborations between educators, parents, librarians, business people, senior citizens, college students, and community and religious groups.



America Reads:



Inspires families to read together at home.

Asks childcare providers to read daily to children.

Encourages teachers to use research-based methods.

Recruits college students and others to tutor children.

Engages businesses to involve employees.

Unites communities to form literacy partnerships.

Americans Are Responding To The Challenge!

- ★ **Students at more than 1,100 colleges and universities earn financial aid by tutoring children in reading.**
- ★ **More than two million children have been taught, tutored, or mentored through national service programs.**
- ★ **Pediatricians are reading to children, advising parents and giving out books.**
- ★ **Thousands of communities are recruiting tutors, organizing book drives, and supporting parents, child care providers, and schools.**
- ★ **Nearly 300 organizations—religious groups, businesses, schools, literacy groups, libraries, museums, media outlets, children's, parents', and teachers' organizations—have joined the President's Coalition for America Reads.**

For Free Resources and Information: 1-800-USA-LEARN

Information is also available on the web at: www.ed.gov/americanreads/

Information on Reading Excellence Program funding is at: www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/REA/

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How “Work-Study” Works for Literacy

Since 1997, the U.S. Department of Education has paid the full wages of Federal Work-Study students who serve as reading tutors in their communities. More than 22,000 students at 1,100 colleges and universities joined the America Reads work-study program in its first year. Many more participated in 1998-99. By 2000, all 3,300 colleges, universities and trade schools receiving Federal Work-Study funds will be required to send paid reading tutors into their communities.

- ★ ***What is work-study?*** This federal program provides undergraduate and graduate students with part-time jobs to help meet their financial needs, give them work experience, and help their campus or community. Students often work in the campus library, cafeteria or bookstore.
- ★ ***How are America Reads jobs different?*** Generally, the employer pays a portion of the work-study student's wages, and the government pays the rest. **But the federal government pays 100% of the wages of work-study students who serve as reading mentors or tutors to preschool and elementary school children.**
- ★ ***Why does tutoring work?*** Tutors usually work one-on-one or in small groups, providing individual attention and extra time for students to practice reading aloud. Students in high-quality, structured tutoring programs with well-trained tutors make the greatest gains in reading. Young readers also gain confidence and motivation to read.
- ★ ***How are work-study tutors trained?*** Many colleges and universities provide training through their schools of education, community literacy organizations, or the local school district. Congress allocated \$5 million to train program coordinators in 1998. These funds also support direct training for up to 10,000 work-study and volunteer tutors in 40 states.
- ★ ***What about family literacy?*** As a parent is a child's first teacher, the government also pays full wages for work-study tutors in family literacy programs. These programs provide services to children from infancy through elementary school and to their parents or caregivers. Special care is taken to prepare adults to read with their own children.
- ★ ***What about math tutoring?*** After July 1, 1999, the government will pay full wages for work-study students who tutor children in mathematics. In this program, ***America Counts***, work-study tutors will assist children from kindergarten through ninth grade. (For more details, go to the web: www.ed.gov/inits/Math/)
- ★ ***How do I get more information?*** Contact the America Reads Challenge at the U.S. Department of Education at 202/401-8888. For additional information, accessible on the Internet, see the reverse side of this page.

For more information on America Reads:

- Go to the web at: www.ed.gov/americanreads/
- Subscribe to the **America Reads Listserv**, a forum for interested parties to ask questions and discuss the best practices regarding children and reading. Address an e-mail to lyris@lists.etr.org, then enter in the text **subscribe americanreads** followed by your first and last name.



Other web sites of interest:

- **SO THAT EVERY CHILD CAN READ**. This publication summarizes the lessons learned after 61 subcontracts were given out in a one-time grant process about a year ago. This terrific new publication highlights the community collaboratives that were awarded funding for volunteer tutoring programs in reading, in particular for the training of volunteers. It is available only on the web and is currently in PDF format at www.nwrel.org/cevsc/subcontracts.htm
- **Corporation for National Service America Reads Web Site**, at www.nationalservice.org/areads/aread.htm
- **LEARNS Partners Web Site**, including publications such as *Identifying Local Resources for Your Local Literacy Program*, at www.nwrel.org/learns
- **FREE: Federal Resources for Educational Excellence**, which provides easy access to learning resources and activities from more than 35 federal agencies. Web site at www.ed.gov/free
- **Students Teaching Students: A Handbook for Cross-Age Tutoring**, at www.edsuccess.org
- Subscribe to **EDInfo** to receive announcements of new reports, initiatives, grant opportunities, and updates at the U.S. Department of Education. E-mail listproc@inet.ed.gov, and type in the body of your message **subscribe edinfo (your name)**.



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SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP ALL CHILDREN BECOME GOOD READERS

Each of us can help meet the goal of the America Reads Challenge through our personal and professional commitments.
Here are some simple things you can do.

PARENTS

- ◆ Read to and with your child every day for 30 minutes.
- ◆ Talk with infants and young children to develop language skills before they learn to read.
- ◆ Encourage children to read on their own to enhance their in-school performance.
- ◆ Set a good example for your children by reading newspapers, magazines and books.
- ◆ Read and write with your children in your native language.
- ◆ Restrict the amount and kind of TV your children watch; suggest educational programs.
- ◆ Make sure your child has a library card and uses it.

SCHOOLS

- ◆ Start a school-wide or community reading program. Invite volunteers to read and write with students at least once a week for 30 minutes.
- ◆ Encourage family members to get involved in teaching and learning reading skills.
- ◆ Publish a multilingual school newsletter that suggests ways parents can support their child's development in reading and writing.

EMPLOYERS

- ◆ Encourage parents, employees and customers to read and write with children.
- ◆ Develop a program to bring children to your work site for tutoring.
- ◆ Develop Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for newspapers, billboards, television and radio to help spread the message about the importance of reading.

GRANDPARENTS, SENIORS, CONCERNED CITIZENS

- ◆ Become a learning partner or reading tutor to a child in your family or neighborhood. Volunteer to read with or to a child for 30 minutes, once each week for at least eight weeks.
- ◆ Encourage community businesses and non-profit organizations to help support community reading programs.
- ◆ Develop a monthly program at your library, school, community or religious center and invite seniors to discuss their oral histories with children.

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MORE SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO

COMMUNITY, CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

- ◆ Encourage staff or members to volunteer as tutors to read with children. Help train others.
- ◆ Share books that teach children about the issues with which your organization is involved.
- ◆ Hold an essay writing contest for local children so they can share "How Reading Makes a Difference in My Life."

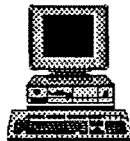
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- ◆ Sign up for the America Reads Challenge Federal Work-Study program. Students benefit by earning financial aid while performing community service, and institutions benefit by improving community relations and through the waiver of the 25 percent wage match.
- ◆ Offer training to students, community members and parents on how to become an effective reading partner.
- ◆ Provide space for local reading programs; sponsor an on-campus summer reading program for elementary school children.



**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AMERICA READS CHALLENGE
AND RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF THE BOOKLET**
"SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP A CHILD READ WELL AND INDEPENDENTLY"

CALL 1-800-USA-LEARN TDD 1-800-437-0833



The U.S. Department of Education America Reads Web site:
www.ed.gov/americanreads

The America Reads ListServ is available at:
lyris@lists.etr.org
Then type:
subscribe americanreads first name last name



Colleges and Universities Committed to America Reads*America Counts

Total Campuses Committed: America Reads (1, 214), America Counts (208)

August 31, 1999

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Campuses Committed to America Reads and America Counts

Italics = Campuses Committed to Reads and Counts

Alabama

Alabama A&M University
Alabama Southern Community College
Alabama State University
Auburn University
Calhoun Community College
Central Alabama Community College
Drake State College
Gadsden State Community College
George Corley Wallace State Community College
Huntingdon College
Jefferson State Community College
Judson College
Lawson State Community College
Miles College
Samford University
Snead State Community College
Southern Union State Community College
Troy State University
Tuskegee University
University of Alabama-Birmingham
University of Alabama-Huntsville
University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa
University of South Alabama
Wallace State Community College

Alaska

Prince William Sound Community College
Sheldon Jackson College
University of Alaska-Anchorage
University of Alaska-Southeast

Arizona

American Institute
Arizona Bible College
Arizona State University
Arizona Western College
DeVry Institute
Estrella Mountain Community College
GateWay Community College
Mesa Community College

Northern Arizona University
Pima Community College
South Mountain Community College
Southwestern College
University of Arizona
Yavapai College

Arkansas

Arkansas Tech University
Henderson State University
John Brown University
Northwest Arkansas Community College
Ouachita Baptist University
Ouachita Technical College
Pulaski Technical College
South Arkansas Community College
South Arkansas University Tech
University of Arkansas Community College-Hope
University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
University of Arkansas-Little Rock
University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff

California

Art Center College of Design
Biola University
California College of Podiatric Medicine
California Institute of Technology
California State Polytechnic University-Pomona
Calif. State Polytechnic University - San Luis Obispo
California State University System
California State University-Bakersfield
California State University-Chico
California State University-Dominguez Hills
California State University-Fresno
California State University-Fullerton
California State University-Hayward
California State University-Long Beach
California State University-Los Angeles
California State University-Monterey Bay
California State University-Northridge
California State University-Sacramento

California State University-San Bernardino
California State University-San Marcos
California State University-Stanislaus
Cerritos Community College
City College of San Francisco
Cleveland Chiropractic College of Los Angeles
College of Alameda
College of Notre Dame
College of the Siskiyous
Contra Costa College
Cuesta College
Cypress College
DeVry Institute of Technology
Diablo Valley College
Evergreen Valley College
Fresno City College
Fresno Pacific College
Fuller Theological Seminary
Gavilan Community College
Glendale Community College
Grossmont College
Hartnell College
Harvey Mudd College
Holy Names College
Hope International University
Humboldt State University
Imperial Valley College
Laney College
Lassen Community College
Life Chiropractic College West
Los Medanos College
Loyola Marymount University
Mendocino College
Merced Community College
Modesto Junior College
The National Hispanic University
Occidental College
Pacific Oaks College
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene College
Pomona College
Riverside Community College
Sacramento City College
Saint Mary's College
Samuel Merritt College
San Diego Mesa College

San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Joaquin Delta College
San Jose City College
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
School of Communication Electronics
Sierra Academy of Aeronautics
Sierra College
Silicon Valley College
Simpson College
Solano Community College
Sonoma State University
Southern California College
Southern California Institute of Architecture
Southwestern Community College
Southwestern University School of Law
Stanford University
United States International University
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of the Pacific
University of Redlands
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California
Victor Community College
Vista Community College
West Hills Community College
West Los Angeles College
Westmont College

Colorado

Colorado College
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado Northwestern Community College
Colorado State University
Community College of Denver
Fort Lewis College
Front Range Community College
Metropolitan State College of Denver
Otero Junior College

Pikes Peak Community College
Pueblo Community College
Red Rocks Community College
Trinidad State Junior College
University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
University of Colorado-Denver
University of Denver
University of Northern Colorado
University of Southern Colorado
Western State College of Colorado

Connecticut

Briarwood College
Capital Community Technical College
Central Connecticut State University
Connecticut College
Eastern Connecticut State University
Fairfield University
Gateway Community Technical College
Manchester Community Technical College
Norwalk Community Technical College
Porter and Chester Institute
Quinebaug Valley Community- Technical College
Trinity College
University of Connecticut
University of New Haven
Western Connecticut State University
Yale University

Delaware

Delaware State University
Delaware Technical & Community College
University of Delaware
Wesley College
Wilmington College

District of Columbia

American University
Catholic University of America
Gallaudet University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Howard University
Southeastern University
Trinity College

Florida

Barry University
Bethune-Cookman College
Brevard Community College
Central Florida Community College
Clearwater Christian College
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida A&M University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida International University
Florida Keys Community College
Florida Memorial College
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Hillsborough Community College
Hi-Tech School of Miami
Hobe Sound Bible College
Lake City Community College
Lake Sumter Community College
Manatee Community College
Miami Dade Community College
New England Institute of Technology, Palm Beach
Nova Southeastern University
Okaloosa-Walton Community College
Palm Beach Atlantic College
Palm Beach Community College
Pensacola Junior College
Rollins College
St. Petersburg Junior College
Seminole Community College
Tampa Technical Institute
Trinity International University
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Miami
University of South Florida
University of West Florida
Valencia Community College
Webber College

Georgia

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Albany State University
Armstrong Atlantic State University
Atlanta Metropolitan College

Augusta State University
Brewton-Parker College
Carroll Technical Institute
Clayton College and State University
Coastal Georgia Community College
Columbus State University
Dalton State College
Darton College
DeKalb College
DeKalb Technical Institute
DeVry Institute of Technology
East Georgia University
Emory University
Fort Valley State University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southern State University
Georgia Southwestern State University
Georgia State University
Kennesaw State University
Macon State College
Morehouse College
Morehouse School of Medicine
Morris Brown College
Spelman College
State University of West Georgia
Swainsboro Technical Institute
Toccoa Falls College
Truett-McConnell College
Valdosta State University
Valdosta Technical Institute
Waycross College

Hawaii

Chaminade University
Hawaii Community College
Honolulu Community College
Maui Community College
Uh-Kauai Community College
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Hawaii at Hilo

Idaho

Albertson College of Idaho
Boise State University
College of Southern Idaho
Idaho State University

University of Idaho

Illinois

Black Hawk College
Bradley University
Carl Sandburg College
City Colleges of Chicago
College of DuPage
College of Lake County
Concordia University
DePaul University
Elgin Community College
Elmhurst College
Harold Washington College
Harry S. Truman College
Highland Community College
Illinois State University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Joliet Junior College
Kaskaskia College
Kishwaukee College
Kennedy-King College
Lewis and Clark Community College
Lewis University
Lincoln College
Malcolm X College
McCormick Theological Seminary
McKendree College
Metropolitan Community College
Moraine Valley Community College
Native American Educational Services College
Northeastern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Olive-Harvey College
Olivet Nazarene University
Parkland College
Prairie State College
Quincy University
Rend Lake College
Richard J. Daley College
Richland Community College
Robert Morris College
Rockford College
Saint Augustine College
South Suburban College
Southeastern Illinois College
Southern Illinois University System

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Southern Illinois University- Harrisburg
Springfield College
Trinity Christian College
University of Illinois-Chicago
University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign
Western Illinois University
Wheaton College
Wilbur-Wright College

Indiana

Ball State University
Butler University
Holy Cross College
Indiana Business College
Indiana University- Bloomington
Indiana University-Kokomo
Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis
Indiana University-Northwest
Indiana University-Southbend
Indiana University-Southeast
Marian College
Purdue University North Central
Purdue University
Saint Joseph's College
Taylor University
University of Evansville
Valparaiso University

Iowa

Buena Vista University
Central College
College of Southern Idaho
Cornell College
Dordt College
Drake University
Haskell Indian Nations University
Iowa State University
Kirkwood Community College
Luther College
Morningside College
Northeast Iowa Community College
Northwestern College
Southeastern Community College
University of Iowa

University of Northern Iowa
Waldorf College
Wartburg Seminary

Kansas

Barton County Community College
Bethany College
Butler County Community College
Cloud County Community College
Cowley County Community College
Donnelly College
Emporia State University
Fort Hays State University
Fort Scott Community College
Haskell Indian Nations University
Highland Community College
Imperial Valley College
Johnson County Community College
Kansas Newman College
Kansas State University
Manhattan Christian College
MidAmerica Nazarene University
Pittsburg State University
Pratt Community College
Saint Mary College
Seward County Community College
Sterling College
University of Kansas
Washburn University

Kentucky

Asbury College
Bellarmine College
Berea College
Centre College
Cumberland College
Eastern Kentucky University
Hazard Community College
Hopkinsville Community College
Kentucky Mountain Bible College
Lindsey Wilson College
Madisonville Community College
Maysville Community College
Morehead State University
Northern Kentucky University
Owensboro Community College
Prestonsburg Community College

Western Kentucky University
Union College
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville

Louisiana

Bossier Parish Community College
Delta School of Business
Dillard University
Louisiana College
Louisiana State University-Eunice
Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
Mechanical College
McNeese State University
Remington College
Southeastern Louisiana University
Southern University
Tulane University
University of New Orleans

Maine

Andover College
Bates College
Bowdoin College
Colby College
Maine College of Art
Maine Maritime Academy
Northern Maine Technical College
Saint Joseph's College
Thomas College
Unity College
University of Maine-Farmington
University of Maine at Fort Kent
University of Maine, Orono
University of New England
University of Southern Maine

Maryland

Anne Arundel Community College
Bowie State University
Columbia Union College
Coppin State College
Frostburg State University
Harford Community College
Hood College

Howard Community College
Johns Hopkins University
Morgan State University
Saint Mary's College of Maryland
Salisbury State University
University of Baltimore
University of Maryland-Baltimore
University of Maryland-Baltimore County
University of Maryland-College Park
University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
Washington College
WOR-WIC Community College

Massachusetts

Amherst College
Atlantic Union College
Bay State College
Bentley College
Berkshire Community College
Boston College
Boston Conservatory, The
Boston University
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State College
Bristol Community College
Bunker Hill Community College
Burdett School
Cambridge College
Cape Cod Community College
Clark University
College of the Holy Cross
Dean College
Emmanuel College
Eastern Nazarene College
Endicott College
Fisher College
Fitchburg State College
Framingham State College
Franklin Institute of Boston
Gordon College
Hampshire College
Harvard University
Holyoke Community College
Lasell College
Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing
Lesley College
Massachusetts Bay Community College

Massachusetts College of Art
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied
Health Sciences
Massachusetts Communications College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Massasoit Community College
Merrimack College
Mount Holyoke College
Mount Wachusett Community College
New England College of Optometry
Nichols College
North Adam State College
North Shore Community College
Northeastern University
Northern Essex Community College
Pine Manor College
Quinsigamond Community College
Roxbury Community College
Simmons College
Smith College
Springfield College
Stonehill College
Tufts University
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of Massachusetts-Boston
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth
University of Massachusetts-Lowell
Wellesley College
Western New England College
Wheaton College
Wheelock College
Worcester State College
Williams College

Michigan

Adrian College
Alma College
Baker College of Flint
Calvin College
Center for Creative Studies
Central Michigan University
Concordia College
Davenport College
Delta College
Eastern Michigan University
Ferris State University

Glen Oaks Community College
Grand Rapids Community College
Grand Rapids Educational Center
Grand Valley State University
Jackson Community College
Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Kellogg Community College
Kendall College of Art & Design
Kirtland Community College
Lansing Community College
Michigan State University
Mott Community College
Northern Michigan University
Oakland Community College
Olivet College
Saginaw Valley State University
Saint Clair County Community College
Siena Heights College
University of Detroit-Mercy
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
University of Michigan-Flint
Washtenaw Community College
Wayne County Community College
West Shore Community College
Western Michigan University

Minnesota

Augsburg College
Bemidji State University
Carleton College
Central Lakes College
College of Saint Catherine
College of St. Benedict
College of St. Scholastica
Concordia College at Moorhead
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Mankato State University
Metropolitan State University
Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Moorhead State University
NEI College of Technology
Northwestern College
Red Wing/Winona Technical College
Riverland Community College
University of Minnesota-Duluth

University of Minnesota-Morris
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Winona State University

Mississippi

Alcorn State University
Itawamba Community College
Jackson State University
Mary Holmes College
Meridian Community College
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
Mississippi State University
Mississippi University for Women
Mississippi Valley State University
Northeast Mississippi Community College
Rust College
University of Mississippi
University of Southern Mississippi

Missouri

Central Christian College of the Bible
Central Methodist College
Central Missouri State University
Cleveland Chiropractic College-Kansas City
Crowder College
Drury College
Kansas City Art Institute
Lester L. Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Lindenwood University
Metropolitan Community College
Missouri Baptist University
Missouri Western State College
North Central Missouri College
Northwest Missouri State University
Ozarks Technical Community College
Rockhurst College
Saint Louis University
Southeast Missouri State University
Southwest Missouri State University
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Missouri- Kansas City
Washington University
Webster University
William Jewell College
Alcorn State University

Montana

Carroll College
Dawson Community College
Flathead Valley Community College
Helena College of Technology
Little Big Horn College
Miles Community College
Montana State University-Billings
Montana State University-Bozeman
Montana State University-Northern
Montana State University College of Technology-
Great Falls
Montana Tech of the University of Montana
Rocky Mountain College
Salish Kootenai College
Western Montana College
University of Great Falls
University of Montana-Missoula

Nebraska

Bellevue University
College of Saint Mary
Doane College
Metropolitan Community College
Midland Lutheran College
Southeast Community College
University of Nebraska-Kearney
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nebraska-Omaha

Nevada

Community College of Southern Nevada
Great Basin College
Truckee Meadows Community College
University & Community College System of Nevada
University of Nevada-Las Vegas
University of Nevada-Reno
Western Nevada Community College

New Hampshire

Castle College
Colby-Sawyer College
College for Lifelong Learning
Dartmouth College

Keene State College

New England College

New Hampshire Community Technical College-
Berlin/Laconia

New Hampshire Community Technical College-
Manchester

New Hampshire Technical Institute

Notre Dame College

Plymouth State College

Rivier College

Saint Anselm College

New Jersey

Brookdale Community College

Burlington County College

College of Saint Elizabeth

Felician College

Gloucester County College

Mercer County Community College

Middlesex County College

Monmouth University

Montclair State University

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Ocean County College

Princeton University

Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Saint Peter's College

Sussex County Community College

Union County College

Warren County Community College

William Patterson University

New Mexico

Clovis Community College

College of Santa Fe

College of the Southwest

Eastern New Mexico University (America Counts
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New Mexico Highlands University

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

New Mexico State University

Saint John's College

San Juan College

University of New Mexico

New York

Bank Street College of Education

Bard College

Barnard College

Bernard M. Baruch College, CUNY

Borough of Manhattan Community College,
CUNY

Bronx Community College, CUNY

Brooklyn College, CUNY

City College of New York, CUNY

City University of New York, CUNY

College of Aeronautics

College of New Rochelle

College of Saint Rose

College of Staten Island, CUNY

Columbia University

Cornell University

CUNY Medical School

Erie Community College

Fordham University

Graduate School and University Center, CUNY

Hartwick College

Herbert H. Lehman College, CUNY

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Hostos Community College, CUNY

Hudson Valley Community College

Hunter College, CUNY

Ithaca College

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY

Julliard School, The

Kingsborough Community College, CUNY

LaGuardia Community College, CUNY

Long Island University-Brooklyn Campus

Long Island University-CW Post Campus

Long Island University-Southampton College
Campus

Marist College

Marymount College

Marymount Manhattan College

Medgar Evers College, CUNY

Mohawk Valley Community College

Nassau Community College

Nazareth College

New York City Technical College, CUNY

New York University

Niagara University
Pace University
Pratt Institute
Queens College, CUNY
Queensborough Community College, CUNY
Rabbinical College Bobover Yeshiva B'nei Zion
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Saint Bonaventure University
Saint John's University
Sarah Lawrence College
Skidmore College
State University of New York-Fredonia
Suffolk County Community College
SUNY at Albany
SUNY at Binghamton
SUNY at Brockport
SUNY at Buffalo
SUNY at Cortland
SUNY at Old Westbury
SUNY at Oneonta
SUNY at Oswego
SUNY at Plattsburgh
SUNY at Potsdam
Syracuse University
Syrin College
Technical Career Institutes
Utica College
Vassar College
Wagner College
Westchester Community College
York College, CUNY

North Carolina

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College
Campbell University
College of the Albemarle
Barber-Scotia College
Belmont Abby College
Cape Fear Community College
Carteret Community College
Catawba Valley Community College
Central Carolina Community College
Central Piedmont Community College
Chowan College
Cleveland Community College

Duke University
East Carolina University
Elon College
Fayetteville State University
Fayetteville Technical Community College
Gaston College
Guilford College
High Point University
Livingstone College
Montgomery Community College
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
Piedmont Community College
Queens College
Saint Andrews Presbyterian College
Saint Augustine's College
Sandhills Community College
University of North Carolina-Asheville
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina-Charlotte
University of North Carolina-Greensboro
University of North Carolina-Pembroke
University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Vance-Granville Community College
Wake Forest University
Western Piedmont Community College
Winston-Salem University

North Dakota

Bismarck State College
Minot State University - Bottineau
Trinity Bible College
Turtle Mountain Community College
University of North Dakota-Williston

Ohio

Art Academy of Cincinnati
Bluffton College
Case Western Reserve University
Cleveland State University
Columbus State Community College
Defiance College
Denison University
Edison Community College
Hocking College

John Carroll University
Kent State University
Lakeland Community College
Lorain County Community College
Lourdes College
Malone College
Marietta College
Marion Technical College
Mount Union College
Muskingum Area Technical College
Northwestern College
Oberlin College
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Owens Community College
Shawnee State University
Sinclair Community College
Tiffin University
University of Akron
University of Cincinnati
University of Dayton
University of Rio Grande/ Rio Grande Community College
University of Toledo
Urbana University
Washington State Community College
Wilberforce University
Wittenberg University
Xavier University
Youngstown State University

Oklahoma

High Plains Institute of Technology
Northeastern State University
Northwestern Oklahoma State University
Oklahoma Baptist University
Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City
Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee
Oklahoma State University-Stillwater
Old Dominion University
Oral Roberts University
Rose State College
Seminole State College
Southern Nazarene University
Southeastern Oklahoma State University
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

University of Central Oklahoma
University of Oklahoma
University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma
University of Tulsa
Western Oklahoma State College

Oregon

Central Oregon Community College
Clackamas Community College
Eastern Oregon University
Eugene Bible College
Lane Community College
Linfield College
Mount Hood Community College
Northwest Christian College
Oregon Institute of Technology
Pacific University
Portland Community College
Portland State University
Rogue Community College
Southern Oregon University
Southwestern Oregon Community College
Umpqua Community College
Western Baptist College
Western Oregon University
Willamette University

Pennsylvania

Academy of Medical Arts and Business
Allegheny College
Allegheny University of the Health Sciences
Alvernia College
Beaver College
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
Bryn Mawr College
Butler County Community College
Cedar Crest College
Chatham College
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
Clarion University
Community College of Allegheny County
Community College of Philadelphia
Dickinson College
Duquesne University
East Stroudsburg University
Eastern College
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Franklin & Marshall College
Geneva College
Gettysburg College
Gwynedd-Mercy College
Harrisburg Area Community College
Juniata College
Keystone College
King's College
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Lafayette College
Lebanon Valley College
Lincoln University
Mansfield University
Marywood University
MCP Hahnemann University
Median School of Allied Health Careers
Mercyhurst College
Millersville University
Montgomery County Community College
Moravian College
Muhlenberg College
Northampton Community College
Northeastern Hospital- School of Nursing
Pennsylvania State University
Rosemont College
Saint Francis College
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Vincent College
Shippensburg University
Slippery Rock University
Susquehanna University
Temple University
Thompson Institute
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Pittsburgh-Bradford
University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown
Ursinus College
Widener University
Wilkes University
Wilson College

Puerto Rico

Antillean Adventist University
Colegio Universitario del Este
Emma's Beauty College
Humacao University College

ICPR Junior College
Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico
Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico
Universidad Central de Bayamon

Rhode Island

Brown University
Community College of Rhode Island
Providence College
Rhode Island College
Salve Regina University
University of Rhode Island

South Carolina

Anderson College
Benedict College
Central Carolina Technical College
Claflin College
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Coker College
College of Charleston
Columbia College
Columbia International University
Denmark Technical College
Francis Marion University
Greenville Technical College
Midlands Technical College
Morris College
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
Presbyterian College
South Carolina State University
Southern Wesleyan University
Spartanburg Methodist College
Trident Technical College
University of South Carolina
Williamsburg Technical College
Winthrop University
Wofford College
York Technical College

South Dakota

Augustana College
Mitchell Technical Institute
Mount Marty College
National American University

College of West Virginia
Davis and Elkins College
Fairmont State College
Glennville State College
Marshall University
Mountain State College
National Institute of Technology
Ohio Valley College
Sheperd College
University of Charleston
West Liberty State College
West Virginia University
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Wheeling Jesuit University

Wisconsin

Alverno College
Lawrence University
Madison Area Technical College
Marion College
Mount Hart College
Mount Mary College
Mount Senario College

Saint Norbert College
Silver Lake College
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
University of Wisconsin-Superior
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Wyoming

Casper College
Northwest College
Western Wyoming Community College

Micronesia

College of Micronesia-FSM

Virgin Islands

University of the Virgin Islands

Sinte Gleska University
South Dakota State University
University of South Dakota
Western Dakota Tech Institute

Tennessee

Aquinas College
Chattanooga State Technical Community College
Cleveland State Community College
East Tennessee State University
Fisk University
Johnson Bible College
King College
Lane College
Lee College
Lee University
Martin Methodist College
Maryville College
Milligan College
Roane State Community College
Shelby State Community College
Southern Adventist University
Tennessee Technological University
Tennessee Technology Center at Hartsville
Tennessee Wesleyan College
Tusculum College
Union University
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
University of the South
Volunteer State Community College
Walters State Community College
West Tennessee Business College

Texas

Amarillo College
Angelina College
Angelo State University
Austin Community College
Baylor University
Central Texas College
College of the Mainland
Collin County Community College
Dallas County Community College District
El Centro College
El Paso Community College
Hardin-Simmons University
Houston Baptist University

Houston Community College System
Le Tourneau University
Lee College
Lubbock Christian University
McMurry University
Midwestern State University
Mountain View College
North Central Texas College
Northeast Texas Community College
Paris Junior College
Paul Quinn College
Rice University
Saint Mary's University
Sam Houston State University
South Texas College of Law
South Texas Vo-Tech Brownsville
Southwest Texas State University
Southwestern Adventist University
Southwestern Assemblies of God Universities
Stephen F. Austin State University
Texarkana College
Texas A&M University College Station
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Texas A&M University - Texarkana
Texas Chiropractic College
Texas College
Texas Christian University
Texas Lutheran University
Texas State Technical College-Harlingen
Texas Tech University
Texas Wesleyan University
Texas Women's University
Trinity Valley Community College
University of Houston-Victoria
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
University of North Texas
University of Texas-Arlington
University of Texas-Austin
University of Texas-Brownsville and Texas
Southmost College
University of Texas-Dallas
University of Texas-El Paso
University of Texas-Pan American
University of Texas-San Antonio
West Texas A&M University
Western Texas College

Utah

College of Eastern Utah
Dixie College
Salt Lake Community College
University of Utah
Utah State University
Weber State University
Westminster College of Salt Lake City

Vermont

Bennington College
Castleton State College
Community College of Vermont
Johnson State College
Landmark College
Lyndon State College
Marlboro College
St. Michael's College
Trinity College of Vermont
University of Vermont
Vermont State Colleges System
Vermont Technical College
Woodbury College

Virginia

Averett College
Bluefield College
Bridgewater College
Clinch Valley College
Eastern Virginia Medical School of the Medical
College of Hampton Roads
Emory and Henry College
George Mason University
Germanna Community College
Hampton University
Hollins College
James Madison University
Longwood College
Mary Baldwin College
Mary Washington College
Norfolk State University
Old Dominion University
Patrick Henry Community College
Piedmont Virginia Community College
Radford University
Randolph-Macon College

Saint Paul's College
Shenandoah University
Southside Virginia Community College
Southwest Virginia Community College
Sweet Briar College
University of Virginia-Charlottesville
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Highlands Community College
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Virginia State University
Virginia Wesleyan College

Washington

Antioch University Seattle
Bellevue Community College
Big Bend Community College
Central Washington University
Centralia College
Community College of Spokane
Eastern Washington University
Gonzaga University
Grays Harbor College
Green River Community College
North Seattle Community College
Pacific Lutheran University
Puget Sound Christian College
Renton Technical College
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
South Puget Sound Community College
Spokane Community College
Spokane Falls Community College
Tacoma Community College
The Evergreen State College
University of Puget Sound
University of Washington
Walla Walla College
Washington State University
Wenatchee Valley College
Western Washington University
Whatcom Community College
Whitman College
Yakima Valley Community College

West Virginia

Bethany College
Bluefield State College

College of West Virginia
Davis and Elkins College
Fairmont State College
Glennville State College
Marshall University
Mountain State College
National Institute of Technology
Ohio Valley College
Sheperd College
University of Charleston
West Liberty State College
West Virginia University
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Wheeling Jesuit University

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Mount Mary College
Mount Senario College

Saint Norbert College
Silver Lake College
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin-Platteville
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
University of Wisconsin-Superior
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Wyoming

Casper College
Northwest College
Western Wyoming Community College

Micronesia

College of Micronesia-FSM

Virgin Islands

University of the Virgin Islands



Fast Facts on Federal Work-Study and Community Service in 2000

Summary: Congress Raises Community Service Requirement in 2000 And Requires Reading Tutor Programs at all Institutions Receiving Federal Work-Study Funds.

Congress passed and President Clinton signed a federal law, The Higher Education Amendments of 1998, which provides significant opportunities for colleges and universities to employ more of their students in community service jobs.

How has the community service requirement changed?

- Institutions currently must use at least **5 percent** of their total Federal Work-Study allocation for community service.
- Beginning on July 1, 2000, colleges and universities will be required to use at least **7 percent** of their Work-Study grant to compensate students employed in community service.

How are reading tutors affected?

- Colleges and universities must ensure that *at least one* reading tutoring or family literacy project is included in meeting this 7 percent community service requirement.
- This means that all 3,300 colleges, universities and trade schools who receive work-study funds must have a reading tutor program by back-to-school time in 2000.

Is the America Reads waiver still in effect?

- Yes. Colleges and universities will still be allowed to pay 100 percent of the tutor's wages from federal funds, through the waiver of the requirement that employers contribute. (Employers are usually required to pay at least 25 percent of a work-study student's wages, and the government usually pays 75 percent.)
- Currently, more than a thousand colleges participate in the America Reads program.

For more information, visit www.ed.gov/americanreads or call (202) 401-8888.

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Director of the America Reads Challenge

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FACT SHEET

Raising Readers

The Tremendous Potential of Families

Start Early: The First Three Years

Just as a child develops language skills before being able to speak, a child develops literacy skills before being able to read. Parents and caregivers can advance the language and literacy skills that are foundations for reading success.

- Reading aloud to young children is so critical that the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that doctors prescribe reading activities to parents.
- When parents talk, sing, and read to their child, links among the child's brain cells are strengthened and new cells and links are formed (Shore, 1997).
- From the first lullaby to dramatization of a favorite story, music and other creative arts can stimulate language and literacy development (Council of Chief State School Officers, 1998).
- Six in ten babies and five in ten toddlers are not read to regularly by parents or family members (Young et al., 1996).

Nurture the Budding Reader: The Preschooler

Preschoolers with large vocabularies tend to become proficient readers. Parents who talk and read with their child can greatly enhance the child's vocabulary, comprehension skills and love of reading.

- Parents who use child care should seek caregivers who read and talk frequently with their children and who designate special areas for reading and writing activities.
- Lack of access to age-appropriate books in the home is a significant obstacle to literacy development. Only 37 percent of 3- to 5-year-olds visit a library at least once each month (National Education Goals Panel, 1997).
- Children ages 3 to 5 spend more than 13 hours each week watching television (Hofferth, 1998).
- More than four in ten preschoolers are not read to regularly (Young et al., 1996).
- Daily reading for 30 minutes, beginning in infancy, can add up to 900 hours of "literacy nutrition" by the time the child reaches kindergarten.
- Kindergarten teachers report that as many as one in three 5-year-olds arrives at kindergarten unprepared to learn (Boyer, 1991).

Ready to Read: Heading for the Classroom

As children's first and most important teachers, parents must stay involved once the children are in school. Kids can practice reading aloud at home, and will enjoy hearing a story read aloud by a family member, especially one that is above their current reading level.

- Children who learn from parents that reading is fun may be more likely to sustain efforts to learn to read when the going gets tough (National Research Council, 1998).
- Many fourth-grade students with high reading scores report four types of reading material in their homes—encyclopedias, magazines, newspapers, and at least 25 books (NAEP 1998 Reading Report Card).
- Children of all ages watch as much TV in one day as they read for fun in an entire week. Children under age 13 spend 90 minutes a day in front of the TV—one-quarter of their free time (University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, 1998).
- Time spent reading actually declines among children between the ages of 6 and 12 (Hofferth, 1998).
- Parents can help their child avoid reading difficulties by having his or her hearing and vision tested annually, and by asking the teacher about an assessment of the child's reading level and ways to bolster the child's literacy skills at home.

HOME LITERACY CHECKLIST

Researchers have identified five areas where the home and family can influence reading development in children:

- ✓ **Value Placed On Literacy:** Parents show their own interest in reading by reading in front of their children and encouraging them to read too.
- ✓ **Press for Achievement:** Parents let children know that they are expected to achieve and help them develop reading skills.
- ✓ **Availability and Use of Reading Material:** Homes with reading and writing materials for children—such as books, newspapers, writing paper, pencils, and crayons—create more opportunities to develop literacy.
- ✓ **Reading With Children:** Parents who read to infants and preschoolers and listen as older children read aloud help children become readers.
- ✓ **Opportunities for Verbal Interaction:** The quantity and content of conversation between parents and children can influence language and vocabulary development, both building blocks for later reading success.

Source: Hess & Holloway, 1984. Family and School as Educational Institutions.

This fact sheet is excerpted from Start Early, Finish Strong: How to Help Every Child Become a Reader. U.S. Department of Education, America Reads Challenge. July 1999. Call toll free 1-877-4ED-PUBS to order or find the full text at www.ed.gov/americareads/.



BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

BOOKS TO READ TO YOUR CHILD

BIRTH TO EIGHT MONTHS

Big Fat Hen by Keith Baker
Ten, Nine, Eight, by Molly Bang
Play Rhymes, by Marc Brown
Goodnight Moon, by Margaret Wise Brown
Tomie DePaola's Mother Goose,
by Tomie DePaola
Eye Winker, Tom Tinker, Chin Chopper: 50
Musical Finger Plays, by Tom Glazer
Rosie's Walk, by Pat Hutchins
Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young,
by Jack Prelutsky
Have You Seen My Duckling? by Nancy Tafuri
My First Mother Goose, by Rosemary Wells

EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS

Moon Bear, by Frank Asch
Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen
Corduroy, by Don Freeman
Where's Spot? by Eric Hill
Mama, Do You Love Me? by Barbara Joose
Peter's Chair, by Ezra Jack Keats
Pat the Bunny, by Dorothy Kunhardt
Clap Hands, by Helen Oxenbury
Seven Blind Mice, by Ed Young
"More, More, More" Said the Baby,
by Vera Williams

EIGHTEEN TO THIRTY-SIX MONTHS

The Little Red Hen, by Bryon Barton
Clifford the Big Red Dog, by Norman Bridwell
Wait Till the Moon is Full,
by Margaret Wise Brown
Stellaluna, by Jannell Cannon
The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle
Millions of Cats, by Wanda Gag
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom,
by Bill Martin Jr. and Lois Ehlert
Curious George, by H.A. Rey
The Cat in the Hat, by Dr. Seuss
The Bunny Planet, by Rosemary Wells

THREE AND FOUR YEARS OF AGE

Country Mouse and City Mouse, by Jan Brett
Stone Soup, by Marcia Brown
The Three Bears, by Paul Galdone
The Story of Ferdinand, by Munro Leaf

Make Way for Ducklings, by Robert McCloskey
Tikki, Tikki, Tembo, by Arlene Mosel
The Tale of Peter Rabbit, by Beatrix Potter
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble,
by William Steig
Lyle, Lyle Crocodile, by Bernard Waber

KINDERGARTEN

Danny and the Dinosaur, by Syd Hoff
Red Light, Green Light,
by Margaret Wise Brown
Fox On Wheels, by Edward Marshall
Arthur's Reading Race, by Marc Brown
Nate the Great, by Marjorie Sharmat

BOOKS YOUR CHILD CAN READ TO YOU

FIRST GRADE

Franklin is Bossy, by Paulette Bourgeois
Amelia Bedelia, by Peggy Parish
Clifford the Big Red Dog, by Norman Bridwell
Freight Train, by Donald Crews
The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle

SECOND GRADE

Curious George, by H.A. Rey
Corduroy, by Don Freeman
Ira Sleeps Over, by Waber Barnard
Bony-Legs, by Joanna Cole
Where is Cuddly Cat? by June Woodman
Frog and Toad are Friends, by Arnold Lobel
There's an Alligator Under My Bed,
by Mercer Mayer
Bedtime for Frances, by Russell Hoban
Freckle Juice, by Judy Blume

THIRD GRADE

Sarah, Plain and Tall, by Patricia MacLachlan
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective,
by Donald J. Sobol
The Fantastic Mr. Fox, by Roald Dahl
The Boxcar Children,
by Gertrude Chandler Warner

♦ For more information on reading, contact
America Reads at 202/401-8888 or
www.ed.gov/americanreads, or
American Library Association at
312/944-6780 or www.ala.org/alsc



The President's Coalition for the America Reads Challenge

The Coalition consists of organizations committed to ensuring that every child is a good reader by the end of third grade. Members of the Coalition commit time and resources to building community coalitions for literacy. They support existing literacy programs and develop new ones. Members also recruit learning partners to read with or tutor children from birth through third grade.

Action for the Homeless/ Literacy 21st Century

Ada Jenkins Community Center – Davidson, NC
 AEL, Inc.
 Alaska Reads Project
 All-For-One, Inc.
 AMC Theatres, Inc.
 American Academy of Pediatrics
 American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
 American Association of Museums
 American Association of School Librarians
 American Booksellers Association
 American Library Association
 American Speech and Hearing Association
 American Spirit Foundation
 AmeriCorps/Dept of Social Services - VA
 APPAL READ: Appalachian Family Literacy Corps
 Arizona/Greater Phoenix Reads Challenge
 Armenian National Committee
 ASPIRA Association, Inc.
 Association of American Publishers
 Atlanta Reads

Baltimore Reads

The Baltimore Sun
 Baptist Joint Committee
 The Benefactory, Inc.
 Bethel Zedeck Sisterhood (WLCJ)
 Birmingham Public Schools
 BookPALS
 Books and Beyond
 Boys and Girls Club of Kosciusko County –
 Warsaw, IN
 Brandeis University National Women's Committee–
 MA
 Brevard Community College - FL

Brick Township Board of Education/Brick Township
 Schools - NJ

Broward County School Board - FL
 Business and Industry for the Arts in
 Education, Inc. (BIFAE)
 Byrns Darden Elementary School
 - Clarksville, TN

California State University – San Marcos

Campus Compact for New Hampshire
 Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL)
 Capital Area Literacy Coalition
 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - NY
 Catholic Social Services of Albuquerque
 Catholic Social Services/RSVP
 Philadelphia/West
 Cedarhurst Elementary School - Kirkwood, NY
 Center for the Book in the Library of Congress
 Center for Leadership in Education
 Central Branch of Women's League for
 Conservative Judaism (WLCJ)
 Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools - NC
 Chicago Public Schools
 The Children's Cabinet, Inc. - NV
 Children's Defense Fund: Black Community
 Crusade For Children
 Children's International/Share America
 Children's Literacy Initiative
 Christian Brothers Conference
 City of New Orleans
 Cleveland Reads
 Coalition for America's Children
 Colorado Mountain College
 Community Campus Partnerships for Health
 Communities In Schools of Greater Harrisburg
 Communities In Schools of Washington, DC

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health -
San Francisco, CA
Community Literacy Project-
A Washington Goals 2000 Project
Council of Chief State School Officers

David W. Carter High School - Dallas, TX
DC READS
DC Concepts & Associates
Delaware Technical and Community College
Des Moines Independent Community Schools
Detroit America Reads Challenge
Developmental Studies Center
Dogan Middle School - Tyler, TX
The Dollywood Foundation
Donna Independent School District - TX

Educational Testing Service (ETS)
Energy Express/West Virginia University
Everybody Wins! D.C.
Everybody Wins! National Foundation
Expert Readers, Inc.
Explore, Inc.

Family Voices - NM
Federation of State Humanities Councils
First Book
Foundry United Methodist Church - DC
Friends of the Florence Williams Public Library
USVI Reads Project
Friends of the Libraries U.S.A.
Fun Stuff Productions, Inc.

GE Elfun
General Board of Church and Society of the
United Methodist Church
General Federation of Women's Clubs
Girl Scouts U.S.A.
Greater Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce-Partners in
Education
Greenport Elementary School - NY
City of Greenville Community Services - SC
Green Valley Elementary School
- Fort Worth, TX
Guilford County Schools - NC

Hadassah Women's Zionist
Organization of America
Hampton University - VA
Hawaii Education Literacy Project
Help One Student to Succeed Corporation
(HOSTS) - DE
Highland Elementary School - FL
Hispanic Radio Network, Inc.
Home Instruction Program for Preschool
Youngsters U.S.A. (HIPPY)
Horace Mann High School - Gary, IN
Houghton Mifflin Company
Houston READ Commission
Humanities Council of Washington, DC

Idaho State Department of Education
Institute for Service Learning Philadelphia College
of Textiles & Science
International Reading Association (IRA)
Iowa Literacy Resource Center
Indiana-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)
Office of Neighborhood Resources
Indiana Reading Corps

Jesuit Social Ministries
Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)
of Greater Boston
J.J. Exon Library and Learning Center -
Lincoln, NE
Jumpstart
Jumpstart New Haven - CT

Kansas City, KS Public Schools
Kansas City, MO School District
KCET-TV Los Angeles, CA
King County Literacy Coalition - WA

Lafayette College - PA
The Lamaze Institute for Family Education
The Latino Educational Advancement & Research
Resource Center and Foundation
Learning Disabilities Association of America
Learning Inc.

The Learning Partnership/Coastal University - SC
 Leicester Central School - VT
 Let's Read West Virginia
 The Library of America
 Libraries for the Future
 The Lightspan Partnership
 The Links, Inc., Magnolia Chapter - GA
 Literacy, Inc. (LINC) - NY
 Literacy Investment for Tomorrow (LIFT) - MS
 Literacy Volunteers of America
 Little Wound School - Kyle, SD
 Los Angeles Unified School District/LA Reads
 Lyon Magnet Applied Learning Academy

Macon Ridge Economic Development Region- LA

Maine Humanities Council
 Marshall County Schools Parent -Educator
 Resource Center
 Martin Luther King Computer Learning
 Center - WA
 Marvel Entertainment Group
 Massachusetts Campus Compact - AmeriCorps
 VISTA
 MegaSkills Education Center of the Home
 and School Institute - DC
 Mena Child Development Center - Mena, AR
 Metro Center for Urban Education/NYU School
 of Education
 Miami Dade Public Library/Dade County School
 System - FL
 Middle Country Public Library - Centereach, NY
 Milwaukee Public Schools
 The MiniPage
 Minnesota Campus Compact
 Minnesota Center for the Book
 Mississippi County Economic Opportunity
 Commission, Inc. (Arkansas)
 Mississippi Delta Community College
 Mississippi St. Institutions for Higher Learning
 Missouri Humanities Council
 MOTHEREAD, Inc - NC
 MOTHEREAD/FATHEREAD Minnesota

NashvilleREAD - TN

National Alliance of Urban Literacy Coalitions
 National Association for the Advancement of
 Colored People (NAACP)

National Association of Community
 Health Centers
 National Association of Elementary
 School Principals
 National Association for Equal Opportunity in
 Higher Education (NAFEO)
 National Association of State Directors of
 Special Education
 National Black Child Development Institute
 National Council of Jewish Women
 National Council of La Raza
 National Center for Child Care Resources and
 Referrals
 National Center for Family Literacy
 National College Athletic Association
 Youth Programs (NCAA)
 National Community Education Association
 National Council of Negro Women
 National Education Association (NEA)
 National HeadStart Association
 National Information Center for Children and
 Youth with Disabilities (NICCHY)
 National Institute for Literacy
 National Jewish Coalition for Literacy
 National Retired Teachers Association
 National Writing Project
 New York State Education Department
 Newspaper Association of America Foundation
 Norfolk Works, Inc.
 Northwest Detroit Weed and Seed
 Northwest Regional Educational
 Laboratory (NWREL)

Oak Hill Elementary - St. Louis, MO
 Oklahoma State Department of Education
 Omaha Public Schools - NE
 Oregon Children's Foundation/SMART Program

Palm Beach County Schools/Palm Beach County

Literacy Coalition - FL
 Parents As Teachers National Center
 Payne Memorial Outreach, Inc. - Baltimore, MD
 Philadelphia Reads - PA
 Phi Theta Kappa International Society of the
 Two-Year College
 Phi Theta Kappa -Alpha Beta Xi Chapter - Hinds
 Community College-Utica, MS

Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Theta Theta Chapter
 - Essex County College - Newark, NJ
 Phi Theta Kappa - Alpha Xi Beta Chapter
 Community College of Southern Nevada -
 Las Vegas, NV
 Phi Theta Kappa-Iota Alpha Chapter - Trinity Valley
 Community College - Athens, TX
 Pizza Hut/Book It Program
 Pittston Area PAC Readers - PA
 The Points of Light Foundation
 Project Parents, Inc.
 Princeton Young Achievers - NJ

Reach Out and Read

READBoston - MA
 ReadWest, Inc. - NM
 The Reading Foundation
 Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.
 The Reading Recovery Council of North America
 Reading Together USA
 Reading Together USA-Annie H. Snipes School -
 Wilmington, NC
 Reading Together USA-Brooks Global Elementary -
 Greensboro, NC
 Ready to Learn/Corporation for Public
 Broadcasting (PBS)
 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
 Rhode Island Reads
 Riverside Public Library - Riverside, CA
 Rockford Public Schools - IL
 Rockingham Community Action - NH
 Rolling Readers, U.S.A.
 RSVP of Alexandria - VA
 RSVP of Columbus County - NC
 RSVP of Lake County - IL
 RSVP of Macomb County - MI
 RSVP of Old Colony - MA/United Way
 RSVP of Rock County - WI
 RSVP- Topeka, KS
 RSVP of Vancouver - WA

Sag Harbor, NY School District

Samuel W. Mason Elementary School- Boston, MA
 San Antonio School District
 San Bernardino City Unified School District
 Santa Clara County Library Reading Program - CA
 Saugus Union School District - CA

Scholastic, Inc.
 S.E.R. de Albuquerque - NM
 Seventh-Day Adventist Church/The Adventist
 Youth Service Network
 SHAPES Head Start - Plainview, TX
 Sherwood Elementary School - Arnold, MO
 Show Low Primary School - AZ
 Sonoma County Literacy Coalition - CA
 Southland Corporation/7-Eleven
 Southside Christian Academy and College
 Preparatory High School - Monroe, LA
 South Central Community Services, Inc. -
 Chicago, IL
 The Standard-Times
 Stories Project at Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute -
 DC
 Student Coalition for Action in Literacy
 Education (SCALE)
 St. Charles School/Montana State
 University-Billings
 St. Stephens Indian School - WY
 The Suzuki-Orff School of Young Musicians - IL
 Sylvan Learning Systems

Tampa Bay Reads, Inc.

Tchula's Wee Care Nursery and Learning
 Center - MS
 Temple University Center for Research in
 Human Development and Education
 Theodore Jameson Elementary School -
 Bismarck, ND
 Thomson Newspapers
 Time-Warner
 Tomorrow's Morning Newspaper
 Miss Topeka Scholarship Program - KS
 Trust Group - MA
 Turtle Mountain Elementary School
 - Belcourt, ND
 TV-Free America

United Airlines

University Center for Teacher Education
 University of Minnesota - Morris
 TREC Program
 University of New Mexico - Policy Center
 University Neighborhood Initiative of
 Washington, D.C. (UNI-DC)

U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of Justice
USA Today
UVM America Reads

Zany Brainy
Zero To Three: National Center for Infants,
Toddlers, and Families

Vermont Council on the Humanities
Vermont Family Resource Partnership
Victory Tutorial Program - TX
Village Elementary School - Sunrise, FL
Virginia AmeriCorps Office - Department of
Social Services
Volunteer Action Center
Volunteer Muskegon
Volunteer Talent Center/Jefferson County
Public Schools - KY

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Washington Commission for National &
Community Services/Washington Reading Corps
The Washington Post
Watson Elementary School - Little Rock, AR
Weber County Library - VT
West Kauai/Eleele Elementary School - HI
Western Union Financial Services
Weston Woods Institute - Weston, CT
WETA-TV - Washington, D.C.
WGBH-TV - Boston, MA
Wilkesboro Elementary School - NC
William R. Davie Elementary School -
Mocksville, NC
Wishbone/Lyrick Corporation
Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning
Through the Arts - VA
Women's America Organization of
Rehabilitation through Training
(ORT) - NY
Women's League for Conservative Judaism
Woodman Park School - Dover, NH
Worthington Elementary School
- Ellicott City, MD

YMCA of Greater New York
Youth Service Charleston -- SC



FACT SHEET

THE COMPACT FOR READING

Guide and School-Home Links Kit

Contact: America Reads (202) 401-8888

What is the Compact for Reading?

A compact is a written agreement among schools, parents, students, and others to raise student achievement. The *Compact for Reading Guide* provides a 5-step process for developing and implementing a compact with emphasis on reading achievement.

The *School-Home Links Kit* gives teachers daily activities to send home with students to improve reading skills and involve families and tutors. One hundred School-Home Link activities are offered for each grade-level from kindergarten through third. Each activity involves a basic skill identified by the National Academy of Sciences' report *Preventing Reading Difficulties in Young Children* (1998) as needed for reading success. Teachers and tutors use the activities to reinforce in-school learning in after-school programs. Schools use the Links activities to reinforce the compact commitment with parents.

How do compacts benefit students?

Family-school compacts encourage greater family and community involvement in schools and lead to increased commitments by multiple partners—teachers, principals, families, students, tutors, and community members—to help children learn and achieve. Findings from the Department's *Prospects Study* (1993) show that students in schools with compacts in place perform better than do children in similar schools due to greater reinforcement of learning at home. Research also shows that increased involvement by families leads to lower absenteeism, lower drop out rates, and higher graduation rates.

Who is behind the Compact for Reading?

The *Guide* and *Links Kit* were each developed by teams of teachers, researchers, and administrators. These materials support the Compact for Reading Initiative—a national effort to develop family-school compacts with emphasis on reading.

The Los Angeles Times, the Corporation for National Service, and Little Planet Learning join the U.S. Department of Education's Partnership for Family Involvement in Education in presenting this powerful resource.

Who will use the Compact for Reading?

Under federal law, compacts are required at all schools receiving Title I funds. Missouri began training Title I reading teachers in July 1999, with support from state, district, and local administrators. In September 1999, *The Los Angeles Times* will train thousands of teachers from five Southern California counties to form compacts and launch the School-Home Links program. Additional statewide projects are expected in 1999-2000.

How can I obtain a copy of the Compact for Reading?

All compact materials are available for free on the Department's Web site at: www.ed.gov/pubs/CompactforReading/.



Reading Resources

(Publications are free unless otherwise noted.)

PREVENTING READING DIFFICULTIES IN YOUNG CHILDREN

This landmark 1998 report of the National Research Council synthesizes the wealth of research on early reading development. It provides an integrated picture of how reading develops and how reading instruction should proceed. The book includes recommendations for practice, as well as for further research. Hardcover copies are available from the National Academy Press by calling 1-800-624-6242. Each book costs \$35.95 plus shipping and handling. This report is also available online at: www.nas.edu/.

STARTING OUT RIGHT:

A GUIDE TO PROMOTING CHILDREN'S READING SUCCESS

This guide developed by the National Research Council explains how children learn to read and how adults can help them. Based on the 1998 National Research Council report *Preventing Reading Difficulties in Young Children*, it provides ideas that parents, educators, policy-makers, and others can use to prevent reading difficulties in early childhood and the primary grades. Copies are available from the National Academy Press by calling 1-800-624-6242. This report is also available online at: www.nas.edu/. Each book costs \$14.95 plus shipping.

START EARLY, FINISH STRONG:

HOW TO HELP EVERY CHILD BECOME A READER

This new book provides the latest research, resources, referrals, and recommendations on how to help all children succeed in reading. It focuses on the vital roles of families, child caregivers, schools, and communities, and provides innovative examples of research-based principles in practice. Contacts are provided for a diverse range of projects. Single copies are available for free by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS and online at: www.ed.gov/pubs/startearly/.

IDEAS AT WORK:

HOW TO HELP EVERY CHILD BECOME A READER

This directory, a companion to *Start Early, Finish Strong*, provides innovative examples of literacy activities at the national, state, local, and community levels, with special sections on business leadership and the nonprofit sector. All entries have contact information to expand your network of ideas and resources. Single copies are available for free by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS and online at: www.ed.gov/ideasatwork/.

THE COMPACT FOR READING

- The **GUIDE** explains how to develop an effective compact for reading for kindergarten through third-grade students. A compact is a written agreement among families, teachers, principals, and students. It describes how all partners can help improve the reading skills of all children—including English Language Learners and students with disabilities. Tutors and other community members can also be partners in a compact for reading.
- The **SCHOOL-HOME LINKS KIT** helps implement local reading compacts. Developed by a team of teachers in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education, this kit includes 100 one-page reading activities for each grade from kindergarten through third. Three to four times per week, teachers can provide these easy-to-use activities to families. This encourages their involvement in reading activities and support of school learning. The guide and kit are available for free by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS or online at: www.ed.gov/CompactforReading/

READ*WRITE*NOW!

- The **Read*Write*Now! Activity Poster**, available in English and Spanish, includes a colorful illustration on the front and fun activities for children grades K-6 on the back. Students can submit book reviews for publication on America Reads' web site. Available by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS.
- The **Read*Write*Now! Basic Kit**, developed by reading experts to develop and build language and literacy skills from birth through grade six, includes fun reading and writing activities, a vocabulary log, and a certificate of accomplishment. Available online at: www.ed.gov/Family/RWN/Activ97/
- The **Read*Write*Now! Tip Sheet for Developing a Community Reading Program**, for librarians, teachers, camp counselors and community leaders, offers straightforward suggestions for developing summer or after-school reading programs. Available in English and Spanish by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS.

SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO

To Help All Children Read Well and Independently by the End of Third Grade

This booklet provides a guide that all community members can use to help children learn to read and become better readers. It includes a general outline for starting a literacy program, with suggestions for families, schools, child care providers, businesses, senior citizens and others. Available for free by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS or online at: www.ed.gov/pubs/simplethings/.

NAEP 1998 READING REPORT CARD FOR THE NATION

This report presents the results of the 1998 NAEP national reading assessment of fourth-, eighth-, and twelfth-grade students. Performance is indicated in terms of average scores on a 0-to-500 scale, and percentages of students attaining three achievement levels: *Basic*, *Proficient*, and *Advanced*. The 1998 results are compared to those in 1994 and 1992. Data for participating states is included. Available by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS or online at: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/reading.asp/>.

IDENTIFYING LOCAL RESOURCES FOR YOUR LITERACY PROGRAM: A GUIDE FOR NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

This booklet helps you identify partners and stakeholders in your community to further your efforts to help children become readers. It focuses on what local program coordinators typically need, such as books, volunteers, training, and funding, and offers ideas and examples of how others have succeeded in locating these resources within their communities. It is available online through the LEARNS Web site at: www.nwrel.org/learns/.

EVERY CHILD A READER

This innovative series of 6-page pamphlets is written for teachers and teacher educators, presenting a summary of research-based knowledge from a wide variety of sources, including the National Research Council's *Preventing Reading Difficulties in Young Children*. Effective, research-based strategies to implement in any classroom are presented in clear, concise language. Available for \$10.00 per set. Order by calling CIERA (Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement) at (734) 647-6940, email ciera@umich.edu or online at: www.ciera.org/.

SO THAT EVERY CHILD CAN READ...

AMERICA READS COMMUNITY TUTORING PARTNERSHIPS

This booklet summarizes the work of effective community tutoring programs in 60 diverse communities. The report identifies successful and promising practices related to the fundamentals of operating a tutoring program, training tutors, and obtaining tutoring materials. Available online at: www.nwrel.org/cevsc/subcontracts.htm/.

RAISING A READER, RAISING A WRITER

This brochure for parents lays out simple ways to nurture a child into becoming a successful reader. It includes characteristics of good child care and what to ask your child's teacher. Available for 50¢ each (100 copies for \$10) by calling 1 (800) 424-2460 or online at: resource_sales@naeyc.org/.

READ*WRITE*NOW! TUTORING MANUAL

This manual provides the reading tutor with tools and strategies for one-on-one tutoring of school-age children in grades 1 - 6. Order by calling Hadassah at (212) 303-8042, or by email: curtis@hadassah.org/. Available online at: [www.ed.gov/ americanreads/](http://www.ed.gov/americanreads/).

READ WITH ME: A GUIDE FOR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS STARTING EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY PROGRAMS

This booklet, based on the Harvard Emerging Literacy Project, provides guidelines for placing undergraduates as literacy volunteers to work with young children. It discusses the roles of families and communities and includes a summary of brain research, a checklist, and resources. Available for free by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS and online at: www.ed.gov/pubs/ReadWithMe/.

CHECKPOINTS FOR PROGRESS

In Reading and Writing for Families and Communities, OR In Reading and Writing for Teachers and Learning Partners

These two booklets provide developmental milestones for children from birth through grade 12 and explain what most children are able to read and write within these periods. Directed toward parents and community members, or teachers and tutors, the booklets outline necessary skills, suggest books for each age group to read, and offer strategies and resources to assist children. Available for free by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS or online at: www.ed.gov/pubs/CheckFamilies/ and www.ed.gov/pubs/CheckTeachers/.

LEARNING TO READ, READING TO LEARN

Information Kit

The kit provides information for parents and teachers to help children with learning disabilities to succeed. It includes a resource guide, a list of principles for learning to read, an article from *American Educator*, and a bibliography. Available by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS or online at: www.cec.sped.org/ericec/readlist.htm/

ON THE ROAD TO READING

A Guide for Community Partners

The guide advises community partners on how to become involved in the America Reads Challenge. It presents a step-by-step process and describes how most children learn to read, how tutors can help young readers, and how community partnerships support the progress of literacy. Available by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS or on the web at: www.ed.gov/pubs/RoadtoRead/.

READING HELPERS: A GUIDE FOR TRAINING TUTORS

This free manual outlines 36 hours of preservice and inservice training for tutors working with children from preschool through third grade. Lesson plans, handouts, and an extensive resource list are included. This manual is used with *On the Road to Reading*. Order from the National Service Resource Center at: www.etr-associates.org/NSRC/.

INCLUDING YOUR CHILD

This booklet for parents with special-needs children covers the first eight years of life. It gives helpful suggestions to parents to help them relate to their special-needs children and find support services for their children and themselves. Available by calling the National Library of Education at 1-800-424-1616 (single copies only). For additional copies (\$10.00 each) call (202) 512-1800.

MUSEUMS AND LEARNING: A GUIDE FOR FAMILY VISITS

This guide for parents and teachers of children between the ages of 4 and 12 shows how museums can inspire as well as inform, and build skills for both classroom and lifelong learning. It is full of helpful suggestions for parents and teachers as to how they can make the most of their museum visits for their children. Available to order by calling 1-877-4ED-PUBS and online at: www.ed.gov/pubs/Museum/

YOUNG CHILDREN AND THE ARTS: MAKING CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Creative arts play in early childhood can develop language skills and a love of learning. This booklet includes developmental benchmarks and appropriate arts activities for children from birth through age 8. Available through the Arts Education Partnership for \$1.50 at 202/236-8693 or online at: <http://aep-arts.org/tfadvoc/taskforces/ecreport.html/>.

Examples of arts-based early childhood resources, research, and programs are available in a companion database through the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts Web site at: www.wolf-trap.org/institute/.

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY DIRECTORY

This is a listing of more than 1100 institutions of higher education that pay literacy tutors and mentors through the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program. The federal government pays 100% of the wages of work-study students who tutor children in reading (or their parents/caregivers in family literacy programs.) In 2000, every college or university receiving work-study funds will offer a reading tutor program.

For contacts at these schools, contact the Corporation for National Service at: 202/606-5000, ext. 280 or email jgale@cns.gov. For summaries of some America Reads programs, see the FWS Online Directory, located at: www.ed.gov/americanreads/.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT AMERICA READS

- The toll-free number for comments or questions: 1-800-USA-LEARN, or TTY: 1-800-437-0833.
- The toll-free number for ordering publications: 1-877-4ED-PUBS, or TTY 1-877-576-7743.
- America Reads staff may be reached at 202/401-8888. Fax: 202/401-0596
- Send e-mail to americanreads@ed.gov
- The America Reads Web site: www.ed.gov/americanreads/
- The America Reads Listserv is a forum for interested parties to ask questions and discuss best practices regarding children and reading. To subscribe, address an e-mail to lyris@lists.etr.org then type in the text: **subscribe americanreads** followed by **your first and last name**.

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