



Advancing Educational Equity

We believe that **every student deserves an equal chance at success**, regardless of circumstance.

Through our work, we **actively examine and seek to dismantle systems of social and racial injustice**.

The Literacy Challenge

Literacy is the foundation of all successful learning. Without reading, students do not have the skills they need to be successful in their academic careers and beyond.

Nationwide, fewer than 1 in 5 students from low-income homes are reading proficiently by the 4th grade (which equates to 8.7 million kids).

Students who are not reading proficiently by the end of 4th grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school.

Data Show Our Program Works

We run a **proven, individualized program for K-4 students** that has significant positive impact on their literacy skills (MDRC 2015). Our curriculum is research-based, all instruction is individualized, and we use ongoing assessments.

As **DC's largest community-driven literacy program**, we work with schools, community partners, and local volunteers to multiply resources and impact for our students.

In 2019-20, we are committed to **servicing 925 students at 19 schools** across Washington, DC, mobilizing over 1,100 community volunteers.

Reading Partners helps children become lifelong readers by empowering communities to provide individualized instruction with measurable results.

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