Advancing Educational Equity

With the pandemic leaving more than a year of unfinished learning for students from under-resourced communities, our work to provide literacy supports that will empower a generation of strong readers, critical thinkers, and engaged citizens is more critical than ever.

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 school and in life.

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

Students who are not reading proficiently by 4th grade are four times less likely to graduate from high school on time.

The Proven Solution

In 2021-22, we will implement our program through our traditional one-on-one in-person tutoring model as well as through Reading Partners Connects, an online platform that allows community volunteers to deliver high-quality tutoring sessions to students regardless of where they learn.

In addition, we are providing our students with access to a digital library full of culturally relevant texts as well as a wide range of family engagement opportunities.

This school year, we are committed to serving 950 students while partnering with 21 schools and 1 innovation site across Washington, DC, engaging over 1,300 community volunteers.