



Regional Impact Report

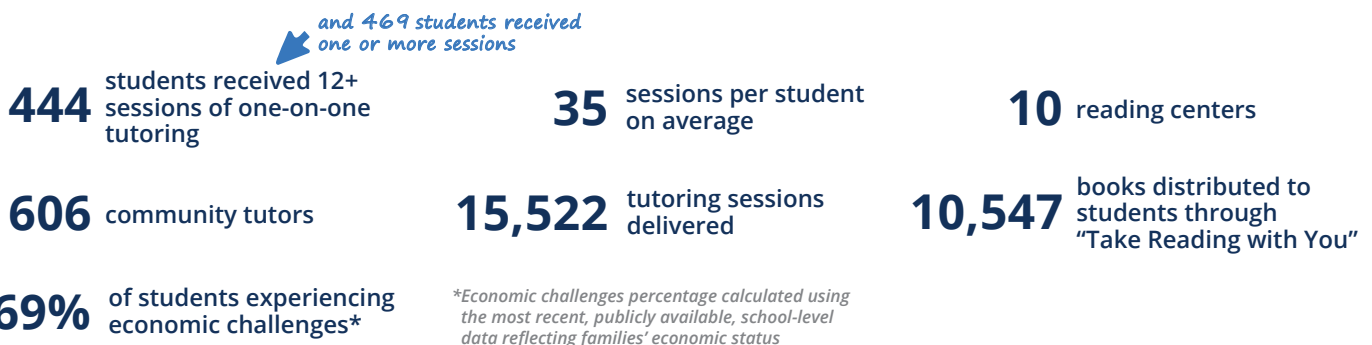
Minnesota: 2024-25



Reading Partners collaborates with schools and communities to provide comprehensive literacy support to young students, including:

- ★ two evidence-based tutoring sessions per week rooted in the science of reading and social-emotional learning.
- ★ ongoing assessments that help guide individualized, data-informed instruction for students.
- ★ representative books at the appropriate reading level to help students build personal libraries.
- ★ a suite of literacy-focused family engagement resources to support at-home learning.

BY THE NUMBERS



STUDENT PERFORMANCE

All Reading Partners students



85%

met or exceeded their individualized reading growth goals

K-2 Reading Partners students



88%

developed mastery of key foundational reading skills* needed to read at grade level

*We track growth in the key foundational literacy skills students need to become independent readers, such as alphabetic principle, phonics, and vocabulary. Note: Percentages are for students receiving 12+ sessions.

PROGRAM RECOGNITION

Principals and teachers



100%

identify Reading Partners as a valuable asset to their school*

Volunteers



93%

are satisfied with their volunteer experience*

*Among respondents of 2024-25 surveys

Validated by research and evaluation



Expanding access to literacy support through innovation & partnerships

Beyond the classroom, Reading Partners Minnesota gets the community involved in our literacy work. The Powered by Reading Partners model provides our partners with engaging, high-quality educational materials and extensive training to implement effective literacy tutoring. Furthermore, we collaborate with corporate partners to host book distributions events for our school partners.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT PARTNERS

377 students tutored

3,588 tutoring sessions delivered

66% of students showed literacy growth

100% of partner staff respondents believe Reading Partners adds value to their community

CORPORATE SPONSORS OF SCHOOL-WIDE BOOK FAIRS

6 sponsored school-wide book fairs

3,672 additional books distributed

1,836 additional students reached

2,667 Minnesota students impacted through Reading Partners literacy opportunities in their community

Community partner spotlight



Hennepin County Library finished their second full year of partnership with Reading Partners. In this collaboration, the Hennepin County Library team is fully trained to lead tutoring using the Reading Partners Connects platform in-person at 8 different library branches after-school. Students and families make a commitment to attend the library at scheduled times to receive ongoing literacy tutoring from trained volunteers recruited by the library. Hennepin County Library is further expanding literacy tutoring in partnership with Reading Partners next year.

“Reading Partners has demonstrated adaptability and responsiveness to community needs, incorporating culturally-representative books and offering flexible program delivery models. Their approach has helped create new opportunities for literacy engagement in our community.”
— Scott Duimstra, Director at Hennepin County Library

Corporate partner spotlight



Element Fleet participated in their third annual Book Fair with Reading Partners Minnesota, distributing nearly 500 brand new books to students in every class at one of Reading Partners' partner schools in Minneapolis. In the past, Element Fleet also hosted a Book Fair with Reading Partners Mid-Atlantic for their Maryland employees.

“At Element Fleet, we believe that childhood literacy is a powerful foundation for lifelong opportunity and success. Supporting organizations, like Reading Partners that champion reading and learning for children aligns deeply with our commitment to youth and education.”
— J’Nai Buchanan, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging at Element Fleet; Member, Reading Partners Minnesota Regional Advisory Board

Thank you to the many organizations across Minnesota that supported our Collective Impact work in 2024-25 to help students on their journey to becoming confident, lifelong readers.

