



# Powered by Reading Partners: Libraries



Reading Partners works with public libraries to bring high-quality literacy support to young readers.

## CASE STUDY HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

Hennepin County Library (HCL) operates dozens of public libraries throughout the Minneapolis area. Many of their libraries offer Homework Help, where families can drop in with their students and receive tutoring.

In the Spring of 2024, they used the **Powered by Reading Partners model** to begin **Let's Read** to complement Homework Help.

The program enrolls students in weekly tutoring sessions with a consistent volunteer/HCL staff member using the Reading Partners Connects digital tutoring platform.

*"Their reading is getting much better, they are getting better with words. They love coming to the library, they are always waiting to come. Every day that we come they are picking out books in Spanish and in English to take home and continue practicing."*

- Caregiver of a student in Let's Read

## Program structure

Since January 2024, the Let's Read program has been across eleven library locations, with each site completing enrollment on a rolling basis until reaching capacity.

Students attend their tutoring sessions in person with their tutors, accessing lesson materials together on the Reading Partners Connects platform using library-administered Chromebooks. The digital curriculum is supplemented by print books from the library for the opening tutor-read-aloud portion of the lesson, along with other hands-on materials as needed.

## Roles and responsibilities

- **LEAD TUTORS**—Coordinate the program: manage the schedule, assess students, communicate with families, coach tutors, and facilitate Reading Partners Connects.
- **PROGRAM MANAGER**—Serves as the main point of contact with Reading Partners and ensures Lead Tutors are set up for success.
- **VOLUNTEERS**—Recruited through the library, with an initial live orientation led by Reading Partners. The library shares recorded trainings and Reading Partners' live office hour support information with any additional volunteers.



## 2024-25 program impact



**11** locations



**343** students



**166,000** minutes of tutoring delivered to students

**79%** of students increased their scaled score



**68%** of students increased their percentile rank



Across all Powered by Reading Partners partners:



4 out of 5 were satisfied with their experience with Tutoring Powered by Reading Partners, and would recommend it to other organizations.