

Reading Partners empowers students to succeed in reading and in life by recruiting and training community volunteers to provide one-on-one literacy tutoring. A national education nonprofit, we work with underresourced elementary schools to support students who are reading below grade level. Our program delivers a highly effective curriculum that has helped tens of thousands of children master foundational reading skills.

A randomized control trial conducted by MDRC, an independent policy research firm, found Reading Partners to have a positive and statistically significant impact on reading proficiency. The research has been accepted and highlighted by the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC).



THE CHALLENGE IS SIGNIFICANT

In New York, 8 out of 10 fourth graders from low-income families cannot read at grade level.



STRONG READING SKILLS ARE ESSENTIAL

Children who cannot read proficiently by the fourth grade are four times less likely to graduate on time—hindering their chances to succeed in college, career, and life.



READING PARTNERS WORKS

Reading Partners significantly increases reading proficiency on three levels: reading comprehension, fluency, and sight-word reading.







READING PARTNERS NEW YORK

New York houses the country's largest school district with one million enrolled students. But in 2013, 77 percent of fourth graders from low-income homes failed to meet grade-level standards in reading. To address this problem, Reading Partners New York sets up dedicated reading centers in our partner schools across the city, where struggling readers work one-on-one with volunteers to master vital literacy skills.

Reading Partners brought its program to New York City in the fall of 2011 thanks to partnerships with The Heckscher and Robin Hood Foundations. In its inaugural year, 300 volunteers joined Reading Partners to tutor 307 students in seven schools. Now, in the 2015-2016 school year, we have more than tripled our reach, serving 920 students in 16 schools.

"If you want to give back – not only to your community but to the world – I would so recommend Reading Partners."

-PRINCIPAL, SAN MIGUEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEW YORK BY THE NUMBERS



1,650

Community Volunteers



920

Students Served



17
Reading Centers

OUR IMPACT IN NEW YORK

Reading Partners is dedicated to ensuring that each student gains the critical reading skills they need to prepare them for lifelong academic, social, and civic success. Therefore, rigorous monitoring and evaluation are core to the Reading Partners model. In New York, during the 2014-15 school year:

Literacy Skill Gain

In Monthly Increments

Partners



87%

of target students increased their monthly rates of literacy learning.

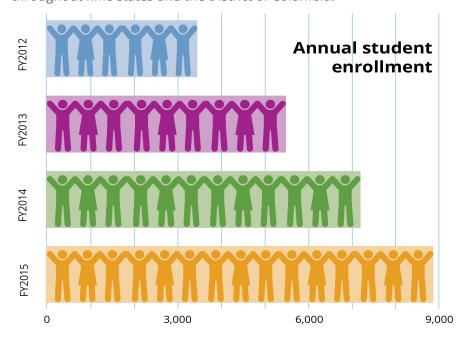
96%

of students who were rated by their classroom teachers as having low confidence increased their confidence level by year's end.

ORGANIZATIONAL GROWTH

Partners

Since our founding, Reading Partners has grown exponentially, shifting from a local Bay Area organization to a national organization. This year, we expect to serve over 11,000 students in more than 200 schools throughout nine states and the District of Columbia.



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