



Read to a Child

Read to a Child invites you to participate in the Lunchtime Reading Program!

WHAT IS READ TO A CHILD?

Read to a Child is a visionary nonprofit organization that creates better opportunities for children and strengthens society as a whole by inspiring adults to read aloud to children. When an adult reads aloud to a child, both parties have a joyful, rewarding experience that greatly increases the child's literacy skills and his or her likelihood for success in the future.

WHAT IS THE LUNCHTIME READING PROGRAM?

Read to a Child's Lunchtime Reading Program matches a caring adult with a schoolchild for a rewarding, read aloud experience during the child's lunch break. The program provides a straightforward mechanism for citizens to become engaged in students' educational outcomes, increasing children's prospects for becoming healthy, productive members of society.

WHERE ARE THE SCHOOLS LOCATED?

Bow Elementary School 19801 Prevost St, Detroit, MI 48235

Detroit Leadership Academy 13550 Virgil St, Detroit, MI 48223

Whitman Elementary School 125 W Montcalm St, Pontiac, MI 48342

Herrington Elementary School 541 Bay Street, Pontiac, MI 48342

WHEN DOES THE PROGRAM TAKE PLACE? WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Most reading sessions run for 30 minutes and take place at the school during the child's lunch period, typically during the hours of 11am-1pm. Reading Mentors attend sessions with their student once a week or every other week from October 16, 2017 until May 18, 2018.

HOW ARE THE CHILDREN SELECTED FOR THE PROGRAM?

Teachers select specific students to participate because they are 1) behind their age group in reading; 2) would benefit from the attention of a caring adult; 3) and/or are not read to in English at home.

I'VE NEVER BEEN A READING MENTOR. WILL I RECEIVE ANY TRAINING?

Yes. All volunteers will receive either an online or in person training lasting no longer than one hour.

I'M REALLY BUSY AND TRAVEL FOR MY JOB. HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

The Lunchtime Reading Program is designed to be flexible and convenient to allow busy professionals to volunteer as mentors. You can pair up with a colleague to be matched with one student. You can then alternate, attending sessions for 30 minutes every other week.

ONCE I JOIN THE PROGRAM, WHAT DO I DO IF I HAVE A QUESTION OR CAN'T MAKE IT TO MY SCHEDULED READING SESSION FOR THE WEEK?

The program is well-managed by a School Coordinator staffed at each site who maintains a 24 hour voicemail line. If you have questions, or cannot make it to your reading session you can call the School Coordinator to notify them or reschedule your session for another day that week.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Complete the following steps:

Volunteer application: <http://rtac.force.com/application> (select Community Volunteer Detroit or your company)

Online Training: training.readtoachild.org

Background Check: Will be emailed upon successful completion of training

Feel free to contact us at 313.451.3048 or infodetroit@readtoachild.org with questions. To learn more, visit www.readtoachild.org/detroit.