

SCHOOL YEAR 2020-21 SHARED READING PROGRAMS

Since 1995, Everybody Wins DC has helped children thrive by building connections through reading – and this school year will be no different. We're just moving from the classroom to the computer!

For SY20-21, EWDC is offering its shared reading programs via virtual platforms. Programs will be offered throughout the day – including afterschool – so as to provide greater flexibility for families as they navigate distance learning requirements. Program operations and logistics will be managed directly by EWDC staff; students just need a computer, tablet, or phone and they can join in on all the shared reading fun!

POWER READERS: For 25 years, EWDC has connected mentors and students to read together for one hour a week. This quality time over a book helps students develop the social-emotional and literacy skills needed to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Formerly known as **Power Lunch**, this program will now be known as **Power Readers**, as reading sessions will now take place not just at lunch but throughout the day – including afterschool. Sessions will be 100% virtual with all operations and logistics managed by EWDC so that our students and volunteers can simply enjoy their time together, reading books they enjoy.

STORYTIME: StoryTime brings together small groups of students to participate in a read-aloud experience with special guests, often centered on themes such as goal-setting, perseverance, community service, and career exploration. After the read-aloud, StoryTime volunteers and students also participate in a Q & A or a fun, themed activity. This year, StoryTime events will be virtual, with guest readers, volunteers, and students interacting live over an online platform.

THE BOOK PROJECT: The Book Project distributes new, free books to children so they can build their personal libraries and enjoy shared reading experiences at home. While students used to select their Book Project titles during the school day, EWDC has adjusted its distribution model to deliver books directly to families' doorsteps!

New Shared Reading Programs: Premiering in SY20-21

To help meet the emerging needs of children, families, and school communities across the DC area, EWDC is introducing several new shared reading programs in SY20-21! These opportunities and experiences will offer supportive, informative, and fun ways to stay engaged through reading while learning from home:

- **Book Clubs:** Student Book Clubs will allow small groups of children to meet regularly and discuss great books with EWDC staff and volunteers. This program will provide children with much-needed social interaction with peers and mentors and help them read and explore new stories for fun!
- **Family Workshops:** EWDC's Family Workshops will connect parents and guardians with EWDC partners to provide learning opportunities on topics such as child development, financial planning, college and career awareness, and more!
- **Student Learning Communities:** EWDC's virtual Student Learning Communities will offer one-time or extended opportunities for students to engage in interesting shared reading experiences! Programs may include "Learn from the Expert" sessions where students explore a topic of interest with the guidance of an expert in the field or small group sessions for students who seek a deeper dive into a story or theme of their choice.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT STUDENTS THROUGH SHARED READING

EWDC offers partner organizations a number of ways to support children through shared reading, including group volunteer activities, hosting StoryTime events, organizing book drives, serving as Power Reader mentors, and more! Whether it is for a one-time event or regular engagement, EWDC can create a volunteer plan that works best for you.

For more information about how your organization can work with EWDC for the 2020-2021 school year, call Sarah Aldridge, EWDC's Volunteer & Partnership Manager, at (202) 216-9467 or email us at info@everybodywinsdc.org.