

# THE EWDC UPDATE

Fall 2024

Fall is our favorite time at Everybody Wins DC! Our students are back at school, programs are starting, and the EWDC team gets out into the community to talk to volunteers and partners about how they can give back through books. It's a great time to celebrate the power and joy of reading!

## POWER READERS LAUNCH

In early October, EWDC launched our first Power Readers cohort of the 2024-25 school year. Over 100 students have been matched with mentors and started their reading journeys. These weekly sessions will help children build literacy & social-emotional skills while fostering a love of books.

**We have 35 kids waiting to join Power Readers. You can help. [CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND BECOME A POWER READERS MENTOR!](#)**

*Here is what some of our new Power Readers are looking forward to this program year :*

"Reading books and getting to know each other!"

"Have fun, read more books, and meet new people."

"To be happy!"



**EWDC 2024-25 Impact:** 108 students reading with mentors, 14 StoryTimes scheduled, and 715 free books distributed (*data as of Oct. 28*)



## 2024 Library of Congress Awards

On October 30, EWDC was recognized by the Library of Congress with a 2024 Literacy Award in the Successful Practices Category. Given to just 15 organizations worldwide, this award celebrates EWDC's positive impact within the communities we serve and our successful implementation of a literacy promotion practice. Thank you to the Library of Congress for this amazing honor! Learn more about the [Library of Congress Literacy Awards here](#).



## July - Oct Highlights

- Hosted Riz Kids Foundation at our Van Ness Elementary School Power Readers party.
- The 2024 Ag Open Golf Tournament raised \$94,000. Congrats to S-3 Group on the win!
- Power Readers students and mentors enjoyed 3 nights at Nationals Park to build excitement for the 2024-25 school year.
- Our summer Fill a Shelf Challenge filled 6 bookcases that will help EWDC give away 10,000 books this program year.



**SAVE THE DATE: EWDC'S 30th Anniversary Celebration!**  
**Thursday, May 1, 2025 at Nationals Park**