

# Read to Dream...

**EVERYBODY WINS DC  
2024 | PLANET WORD MUSEUM**

On May 2, 2024, EWDC hosted our annual Read to Dream event at Planet Word Museum. This special evening celebrated all that is magical about EWDC - our students, our programs, and our supporters. The 300 guests heard from amazing EWDC students and special honorees, enjoyed wonderful food and drink, and participated in an exciting live auction.

All Read to Dream proceeds will keep EWDC programs free for families and school partners. This means we can help more children build the literacy and social-emotional skills needed to succeed.

## READ TO DREAM BY THE NUMBERS

**\$335,000** RAISED

**46** CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

**3** PROGRAMS SUPPORTED

**4,650** CHILDREN REACHED

## HONOREES

**COMMUNITY CHAMPION**  
EAB

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**  
Barbara Faculjack, EWDC Board Member

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION: ASSOCIATION BOOK  
DRIVE CHALLENGE WINNERS**

*Literacy Leader*  
National Retail Federation

*Team Award*  
National Mining Association

*"BEING IN POWER READERS HAS  
IMPROVED MY READING AND MADE  
ME LOVE BOOKS. WHEN I FIRST  
STARTED READING, I WAS VERY SHY  
AND DIDN'T LIKE TO READ OUT LOUD.  
BUT LOOK AT ME NOW!"*

**- ALLISON, STUDENT SPEAKER**



# Thank You to Our Read to Dream Sponsors

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American Petroleum Institute  
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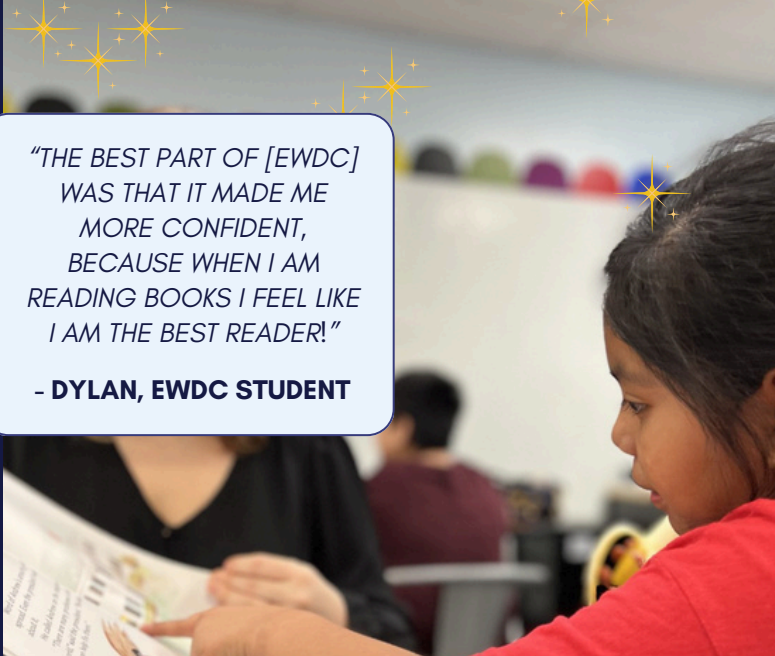
## BOOK BENEFACTORS (\$5,000+)

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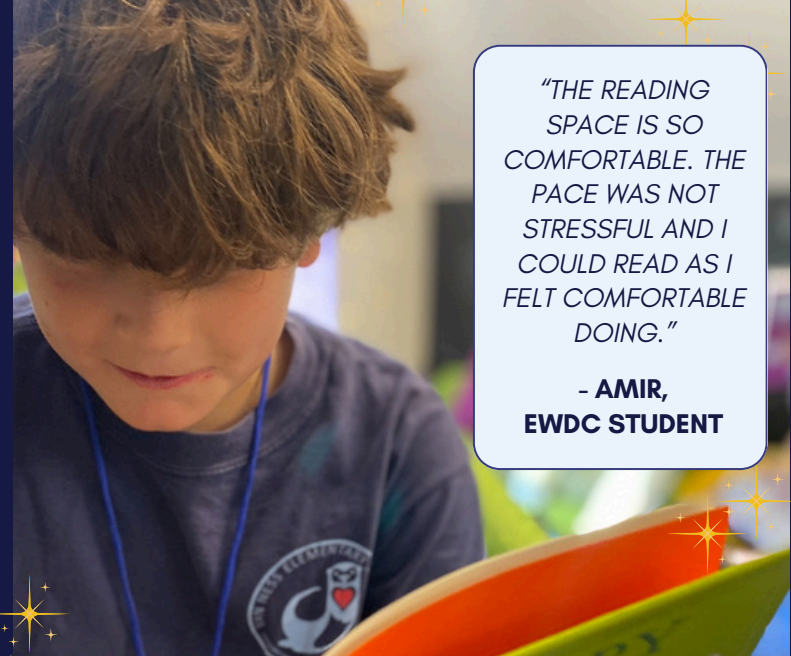
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\*Sponsorship in honor of Barbara Faculjak, EWDC's 2024 Distinguished Service Award winner



"THE BEST PART OF [EWDC] WAS THAT IT MADE ME MORE CONFIDENT, BECAUSE WHEN I AM READING BOOKS I FEEL LIKE I AM THE BEST READER!"

- DYLAN, EWDC STUDENT



"THE READING SPACE IS SO COMFORTABLE. THE PACE WAS NOT STRESSFUL AND I COULD READ AS I FELT COMFORTABLE DOING."

- AMIR, EWDC STUDENT

## How Read to Dream Makes Reading Magical...

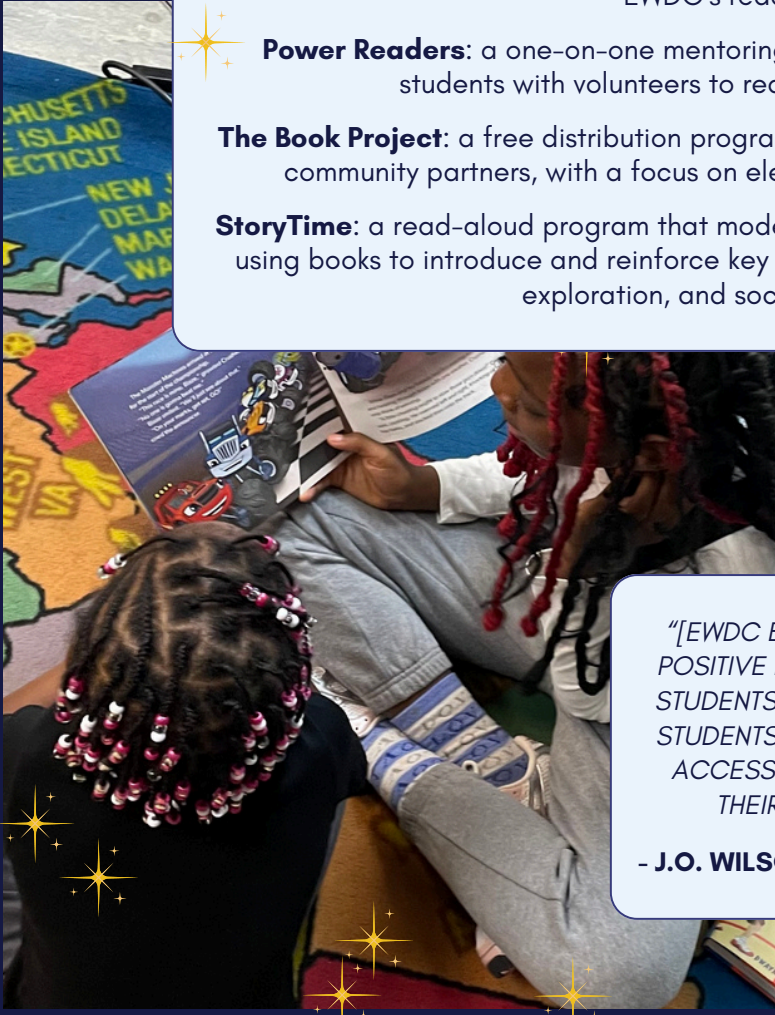
All Read to Dream proceeds keep EWDC programs free for families and school partners. This means that Read to Dream will help thousands of children build the literacy and social-emotional skills needed to succeed at school and in life.

EWDC's reading programs:

**Power Readers:** a one-on-one mentoring program that connects elementary school students with volunteers to read together for one hour a week.

**The Book Project:** a free distribution program that gives books to children, classrooms, and community partners, with a focus on elevating diverse and representative stories.

**StoryTime:** a read-aloud program that models positive literacy behaviors for students while using books to introduce and reinforce key themes, including equity and inclusion, career exploration, and social-emotional learning.



"[EWDC BOOKS] HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON MY STUDENTS. MANY OF THE STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO BOOKS IN THEIR HOMES."

- J.O. WILSON ES TEACHER