

THE EWDC UPDATE

Winter 2025

Winter is when our programs really shine! Between the middle of the school year and Giving Season, our volunteers and donors don't let the cold stop them from going all-in on supporting our students!

STORYTIME LAUNCH

StoryTime read-aloud events kicked off at the end of October. Since then, we've hosted 21 StoryTime events at 4 of our partner schools. Highlights include two Washington Wizards players (Justin Champagne and Saddiq Bey) reading at Savoy Elementary School, and five of our partner organizations joining J.O. Wilson Elementary School's Bullying Prevention & Kindness Day events!

**Interested in being a StoryTime guest reader?
Email volunteers@everybodywinsdc.org!**

"I think [being a StoryTime volunteer is] important because [the students are] the next generation coming up, and I'm always a big believer in leaving the world a better place than which you came into."

-Justin Champagne, Washington Wizards



EWDC 2024-25 Impact: 132 students reading with mentors, 21 StoryTimes delivered, and 2,956 free books distributed (data as of Feb. 11)



2024 Association Book Drive Challenge

Our 3rd annual Association Book Drive Challenge was our largest one yet in both scale and impact. 23 associations competed to see who could bring in the most books, and in the end, they raised the equivalent of **10,829 books!** Congratulations to American Investment Council for winning the Team Award (most books per employee), and to National Retail Federation for winning Literacy Leader (most books overall) for the second year in a row!



Read to Dream

We have officially launched Read to Dream 2025! This year's gala will be May 1, 2025, at Nationals Park. Learn more about the event and help us celebrate 30 years of reading magic by going to [EverybodyWinsDC.org/Read-to-Dream](https://www.everybodywinsdc.org/Read-to-Dream).

Nov - Feb Highlights

- Hosted our inaugural Lobbyists for Literacy Trivia Night at General Dynamics. Congratulations to CGCN Group for winning!
- Held 11 book processing and note writing events with our partner organizations.
- Joined SixDegrees.org's Building Kits by Kevin Bacon activation event where we received 250 essential resource kits for students in our communities.

Read to Dream tickets are available at bit.ly/EWDC-R2D-25-Tickets, or by scanning the QR code:

