

POWER READERS BECOMING A PARTNER ORGANIZATION



About Power Readers

Power Readers is a one-on-one mentoring program that matches volunteers to elementary school students to read together for one hour a week during lunchtime. EWDC's longest running program, Power Readers, helps children build essential literacy and social-emotional skills while fostering a love of books.

Power Readers sessions are held in-person at schools across the DC area during students' lunch/recess period. The program runs from October through May, excluding holidays & school breaks. Mentors read with the same student each week and can expect to complete 15-18 sessions over the course of a school year. In some cases, volunteers can co-mentor a student and alternate reading sessions.

Impact of Power Readers Partners

Since our launch in 1995, EWDC has worked with hundreds of employers, associations, and civic groups to create custom volunteer programs for their teams that allow individuals to give back to their communities without any of the administrative burdens. Combined, these partnerships have given thousands of students the one-on-one support they need to succeed at school and in life.

During the 2024-25 program year, 33% of mentors came to Power Readers through organizational partnerships. Help EWDC get to 50% next year by joining Power Readers as a program partner.

To learn more or to get started as a Power Readers partner, email info@everybodywinsdc.org.



Partner Responsibilities

As a Power Reader partner, your organization will:

- Select a point of contact for EWDC
- Support mentor recruitment
- Provide mentors with internal support related to program participation
- Be responsive to EWDC regarding program operations

EWDC Responsibilities

EWDC supports our Power Readers partner by:

- Being responsive to all issues & questions
- Hosting in-person or virtual information sessions for your organization
- Having EWDC staff on-site at all sessions to support volunteers
- Running reports to show partner impact through service