

THE EWDC UPDATE

Summer 2025

School is out, and the news is in: 2024-25 was a program year full of reading joy! EWDC served 5,154 students, delivered 3,797 reading hours across our programs, all with the support of 731 volunteers. We can't wait to do even more next school year!

Celebrating SY2024-25

EWDC celebrated another successful Power Readers program year with end-of-year parties at our 6 partner schools. Reading pairs enjoyed snacks & games, and students were able to select free books to take home for summer reading.

EWDC also celebrated the expansion of StoryTime, adding two new elementary schools: Amidon-Bowen and Randle Highlands. We're excited to see everything next program year brings!



EWDC 2024-25 End of Year Impact: 1,896 mentoring hours completed, 63 StoryTimes delivered, and 11,946 free books distributed

2025-26 Mentor Applications Are Open!

Last year, 93% of Power Readers students said having a mentor made them feel more confident. We could have done more: *almost one-third of all Power Readers sessions had room for more students.* Why? We didn't have enough mentors available.

Help us reach even more students by submitting your mentor application at bit.ly/ewdc-become-a-mentor. You can also email EWDC at volunteers@everybodywinsdc.org to learn how you can help recruit mentors through your workplace or membership organization.



May-June Highlights

- Read to Dream 2025 was a huge success, raising \$387,000 to help local children thrive through reading. Learn more about the evening's impact at bit.ly/R2D-25-Impact.
- Lawyers for Literacy 2025 gathered 14 teams for a night of trivia that raised critical funds for our programs. Congrats to Bloomberg Law for taking home the trophy!
- We partnered with Nationals Youth Baseball Academy to distribute 600 free books as part of the Nationals PLAY BALL weekend event!



Help us fill our shelves for the 2025-26 school year! Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/FtS-Summer-2025. Every \$5 = one book for a student!

