

THE EWDC UPDATE

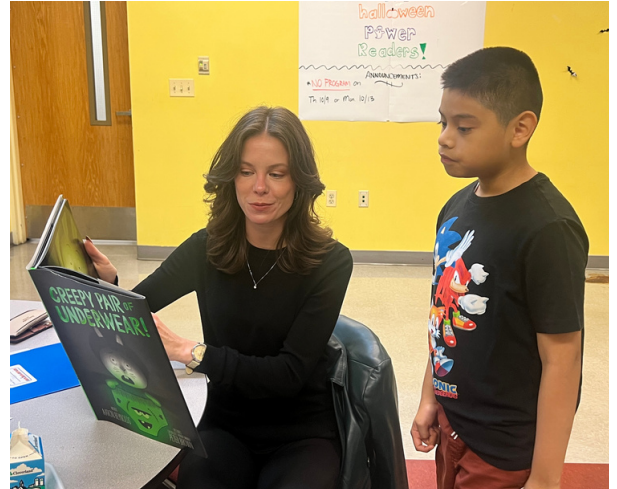
Fall 2025

EWDC has officially launched the 2025-26 program year! With mentors back in schools, a new StoryTime series, and record-levels of partner engagement, this is sure to be our best program year yet! Want to learn more about EWDC or get involved? Email info@everybodywinsdc.org.

Power Readers Launch

On September 29, EWDC kicked off Power Readers for the 2025-26 school year at 6 schools across the DC area. It was amazing to see the reading joy that filled our classrooms and we're so excited to watch our students become stronger readers and more confident individuals.

We have over 30 students who want to join Power Readers but are waiting for a mentor. Sign up at bit.ly/ewdc-become-a-mentor or email volunteers@everybodywinsdc.org to learn more. One hour a week will have a lifetime of impact!



EWDC 2025-26 Impact: 92 students matched with mentors, 4 StoryTimes delivered, and 5,176 free books distributed (as of 10/7/25).



Back to School, Back to Books

On September 12, EWDC hosted our inaugural Back to School, Back to Books event. Over 100 volunteers from 22 EWDC partner organizations gathered to prepare 1,000+ books for distribution.

More than 300 of these books were immediately delivered to some of EWDC's Little Free Libraries, and the rest were used during EWDC StoryTime events and back-to-school book distributions at 9 partner schools.



July - Sept Highlights

- EWDC participated in the Library of Congress National Book Festival to spread awareness about our programs and ways to get involved.
- We launched a new StoryTime series that features local authors and illustrators. Special thank you to Charlie Ervin for kicking off the series at Van Ness and Chisholm ES!
- EWDC has already lined up 20+ book drives with partner organizations to fill our shelves with books for the school year – to host a book drive for your workplace or network, email info@everybodywinsdc.org.



Help students thrive in and out of the classroom through the power of reading by becoming a Power Readers mentor! bit.ly/ewdc-become-a-mentor.



POWER READERS: WEEK 1

The Power Readers year has just started but EWDC is already spreading reading joy at schools like Thomson and Innovation. Click [here](#) to join the fun as a mentor for the 2025-26 school year!

"I'm looking forward to spending time with my mentor and reading."

**-Valentina,
3rd Grader
at Thomson
Elementary School**



Thank you to these EWDC partner organizations for your outstanding mentor recruitment!

**Bipartisan Policy Center
CTIA
EAB**

**Foley & Lardner LLP
International Monetary Fund
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville, PC
U.S. Coast Guard**



"I'm excited to read 100 books this year!"

**-Mateo,
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