

2025-26 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

As program year 2025-26 (July 2025 - June 2026) comes to a close, Everybody Wins DC is proud to highlight some amazing impact moments from across our three reading programs: Power Readers, StoryTime, and The Book Project.

Thank you to all our volunteers, partners, and sponsors who made this work possible!

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

11,879

**BOOKS
DISTRIBUTED**

5,108

**CHILDREN
SERVED**

57

**READ ALOUD
EVENTS**

1,444

**STORYTIME
ATTENDEES**

3,910

**PROGRAM
READING HOURS**

2,326

**MENTORING
HOURS**

**Data as of 6/22/26*

POWER READERS RESULTS

92% of mentors saw growth in their mentee's reading development

87% of mentors saw growth in their mentee's social-emotional development

91% of students said Power Readers made them stronger readers

89% of students said having a mentor made them feel more confident

94% of students said Power Readers made reading more fun

"The best part of this year was learning new words with my mentor and being happy."

-1st grade Power Readers student, Thomson Elementary School



READING PROGRAMS

When kids read, they can succeed. That's why EWDC helps kids overcome obstacles to become readers and get all the benefits books provide - academic achievement, social-emotional skills, creativity, and joy.

When children participate in our programs, whole communities benefit. Volunteers make a meaningful impact in the community, schools receive needed support at no cost, and organizations are given an easy and efficient way to give back. Through reading with EWDC, everybody wins!

POWER READERS

EWDC's flagship program matches volunteers with elementary school students to read together for an hour a week. Unlike tutors or teachers, Power Readers mentors aren't teaching phonics or following a curriculum. Instead, the goal is to create safe and judgement-free spaces for students to practice reading with the support of a caring adult. At the same time, the one-on-one attention from a mentor helps students build core social-emotional competencies, something critical to success in the classroom and beyond.

STORYTIME

EWDC's read-aloud program that brings volunteers into classrooms and community settings to read books or stories to students and participate in a guided discussion or activity. These events model positive reading behaviors for students while also introducing or reinforcing important themes. Most importantly, StoryTime fosters reading excitement by creating joy-filled experiences for students and volunteers alike.

THE BOOK PROJECT

EWDC's distribution program gives away thousands of free books each year, increasing children's access to engaging and empowering stories and helping families build robust and representative home libraries. The program offers books to all Power Readers and StoryTime participants, hosts school and community distribution events, and delivers books to EWDC's network of 20+ Little Free Libraries. The program prioritizes stories that elevate and celebrate underrepresented voices in children's literature, giving all young readers a chance to see themselves and their communities reflected on the page.

