

EVERYBODY WINS DC: POWER READERS

Power Readers is a one-on-one mentoring program that connects volunteers with elementary school students to read together for one hour a week during the school year. These supportive relationships help kids become engaged and excited readers who have the skills they need to succeed at school and in life. Be part of the Power Readers impact by volunteering as a mentor or creating a Power Readers workplace volunteer program with your company.



PROGRAM IMPACT

School Year 2025-26 Data

92%

of mentors saw growth in their mentee's reading development

94%

of students said Power Readers made reading more fun

91%

of students said Power Readers made them stronger readers

89%

of students said having a mentor made them feel more confident

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Power Readers is offered in-person at 6 elementary schools across DC, MD, and VA.
- Mentors read with the same student each week. Rereading pairs can stay together year-after-year.
- Students and mentors can decide what books to read and how to share reading responsibilities.
- Sessions run October to May (excluding school breaks and holidays).
- Sessions are held during students' lunch/recess period so as not to disrupt classroom instruction.
- Mentors can join as individual volunteers or through a workplace partnership with EWDC.
- Students can join the program between October and December and usually complete 15-18 reading sessions per year.
- EWDC has staff at each partner school to facilitate program sessions and provide logistical support.
- There are no lesson plans and no curriculum. Instead, Power Readers is about having fun through reading!

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TO SIGN UP TO MENTOR

BECOME A POWER READERS MENTOR

STEP 1

Register via EWDC's
"Become a Mentor" page



STEP 2

Obtain a volunteer
clearance (EWDC will help!)



STEP 3

Complete the EWDC
mentor orientation

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27: LOCATIONS AND DETAILS

Amidon-Bowen Elementary School (DCPS)

401 I Street NW, DC

*NEW Power Readers school

J.O. Wilson Elementary School (DCPS)

660 K Street NE, DC

Van Ness Elementary School (DCPS)

1150 5th Street SE, DC

Thomson Elementary School (DCPS)

1200 L Street NW, DC

JoAnn Leleck Elementary School (MCPS)

710 Beacon Road, Silver Spring, MD

Innovation Elementary School (APS)

2300 Key Blvd., Arlington, VA

The final Power Readers session schedule will be released in early September 2026.

Most sessions are 1 hour in length during students' lunch/recess period. Each school has its own lunch schedule, with sessions usually taking place between 10:45am and 2pm.

In addition to in-person sessions, some schools may offer limited hybrid sessions where mentors can participate in weekly sessions virtually, with the opportunity to attend in-person events during the school year. More info about hybrid sessions coming soon.

Questions? Contact us at
volunteers@everybodywinsdc.org

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
POWER READERS AND SIGN UP TO MENTOR:**

everybodywinsdc.org/become-a-mentor

Power Readers is 100% free for families and schools. EWDC programs shouldn't take away resources from those who may already be struggling. Instead, we raise the funds needed to deliver Power Readers through sponsorships, events, and individual donations.

