

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 today!



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 elementary schools across DC, MD, and VA.
- Mentors read with the same student each week. Reading 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, and are held during students' lunch/recess period so as not to disrupt classroom instruction.
- New reading pairs can start sessions in October or November and usually complete 15-18 reading sessions per year.
- Mentors can join as individual volunteers or through a workplace partnership with EWDC.
- 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

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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 POWER READERS LOCATIONS

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

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

Visit our website to see the most up to date
schedule of weekly Power Readers sessions.

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.

**All Power Readers mentors must complete a
volunteer clearance before being matched
with a student.** Each school system has its
own requirements to complete. EWDC can
assist volunteers with this process.

Questions? Contact us at
volunteers@everybodywinsdc.org

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

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a-mentor](https://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.

