

With the help of volunteer mentors, Reading Together provides positive, consistent mentoring relationships in a safe learning environment for students to practice reading, connect with books they love, and improve literacy skills.

Six library locations host mentors and students who meet with each other weekly throughout the school year to spark the joy of literacy through reading, relationship-building, and creative play.

In 2023, SPPL offered additional learning games for Reading Together pairs to use that supported literacy and led to increased enthusiasm and engagement.



By The Numbers

125

Individual students who participated in Reading Together to work on reading skills

63

Trained volunteers who mentored one or more young readers to improve their reading skills

648

Hours that students and volunteers engaged in reading and literacy activities

212

Free books given to participants to build home libraries



What we've heard...

"I like writing stories or drawing pictures about what I read."
-- a student

"I remember the day when my student could first read with minimal assistance. Working on breaking down words according to syllables to read and then reassembling the word back was really helpful for them. Seeing how happy they were with their progress made me happy as well."
-- a mentor

"My student said he feels that his skills are getting better, and I completely agree! It's fun to hear updates about his life and share enthusiasm and joy with him!"
-- a mentor

"I feel proud of myself for becoming a better reader."
-- a student

"My son has really improved a bunch, and this program has been very helpful in giving him a positive experience. He's in a better place now, and we are so grateful for all Sarah and you folks at the library have done for him."
-- a parent