

2023-2024 Read With Me Contributions:

\$50,000 & OVER

- Riverside County Office of Education,
Dr. Edwin Gomez
- Jim & Jeannie Morris

\$25,000 - \$49,000

- The Auen Foundation,
Sherrie Auen & Catharine A. Reed
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Agua Caliente Elementary School
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Cathedral City Elementary School
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New in 2025
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Sponsored by The Joslyn Center

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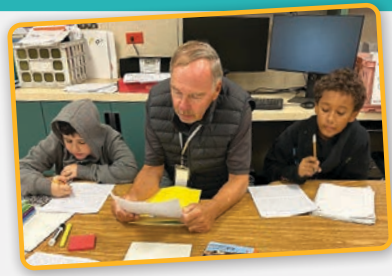
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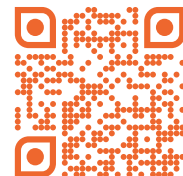
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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I reflect on the journey of Read With Me Volunteer Programs, I am filled with immense pride and joy. When we started in 2004 with just one school, I could not have imagined the incredible growth and impact we would achieve. Today, we proudly serve 22 schools across the Coachella Valley and in Washoe County, Nevada, bringing the gift of literacy to countless children.

Seeing the organization flourish under the leadership of our Executive Director, Sean Webb, has been truly rewarding. Sean's dedication and vision, combined with our strong partnership with the Riverside County Office of Education, have propelled us to new heights. I am confident that under the guidance of Sean, our talented board, our new president Jeannie Morris, and with our extraordinary staff, Read With Me will continue to thrive and help students learn to speak and read English.

Clay and I are now enjoying our time with family, cherishing the moments we have with them as we live close by. It brings us great comfort to know that Read With Me is in such capable hands, and we look forward to seeing the continued positive impact on our community.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our partners and contributors. Your support and generosity have been instrumental in our success, and together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of so many children.

With gratitude,

Roberta Klein

Roberta Klein
Founder and Former President
Read With Me Volunteer Programs



Mission Statement

To assist local children from a low-income, limited English-speaking environment to develop to their fullest potential by learning to read, comprehend, and speak English while understanding that people care about them as individuals.

Annual Report

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

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Letter from incoming Read With Me President:

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I am honored to step into the role of President of the Board for Read With Me Volunteer Programs, following in the footsteps of our esteemed founders, Roberta and Clay Klein. Their vision and dedication have laid a strong foundation, and I am excited to continue building on this legacy.

With Sean Webb as our Executive Director, we are poised for continued growth and success. Our partnerships, especially with the Riverside County Office of Education, remain crucial as we strive to help students learn to speak and read English.

Thank you to all our volunteers, partners and contributors for your unwavering support. Together, we will continue to make a lasting impact on the lives of the children we serve.

With gratitude,

Jeannie Morris

Incoming President of the Board

Read With Me Volunteer Programs



Letter from Executive Director:

Dear Valued Supporters of Read With Me Volunteer Programs,

As Executive Director, I am excited to share the remarkable progress we've made during the 2023-24 year. Our commitment to teaching students to read and speak English fluently has led to significant achievements, all thanks to your invaluable support.

Our volunteers provided over 12,000 mentoring and tutoring hours this school year for more than 4,500 students, maintaining our core mission of supplying classroom tutors. This consistent presence is vital to our success.

Book Distribution

Across the Coachella Valley and Washoe County, Nevada, we distributed more than 79,000 books into the hands of eager young readers.

Innovative Programs

- Literacy Field Days: Our inaugural event engaged 400 elementary students over two days with seven hours worth of reading activities, igniting enthusiasm for literacy and strengthening community bonds.
- Farm Reading Corners at The Packhouse: Partnering with a local farm, we created unique reading corners for student field trips, blending literacy with nature education.
- Summer Reading Program: We significantly expanded our summer program through new community partnerships. We provided more than 18,000 books for students and families during the summer.
- Looking ahead, we remain committed to equipping students with essential language skills. None of these programs would be possible without the dedication of our staff and over 500 volunteers, whose tireless efforts are crucial to our mission.

Thank you for your continued partnership in transforming the lives of our students. Together, we are opening doors to brighter futures through the power of literacy.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Sean Webb

Executive Director

Read With Me Volunteer Programs



2023-2024 Statistics

15,163
Total volunteer hours

4,500
4,500 students received tutoring hours

34,246
books provided for Read With Me partner schools

19,547
Books provided for non traditional Read With Me schools

25,500
Books provided for Community groups

79,293
Total books provided by Read With Me for students in Riverside County in 2023-24

\$116,040.40
Spent for 79,293 books provided by RWM

2024-2025 Board Members

- Jeannie Morris** - President
- Pat Harris** - Vice President
- Dan Giovannitti** - Secretary
- Horst Engel** - Treasurer
- Jim Clark** - Washoe County RWM Board Representative
- Reverend Gregory Elder**, Sacred Heart Church
- Dr. Edwin Gomez**, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools
- Jan Gordon**, Read With Me Volunteer
- Patrick Evans**, KESQ
- George Peterson**, Publisher
- Dr. Tony Signoret**, Superintendent Palm Springs Unified School District



Notable & Quotable

"The Read With Me Volunteer Programs truly represent the hands and feet of the Literacy by 5th Grade Initiative as they continue to build stronger readers and students throughout Riverside County. The organization continues to expand to meet the needs of emerging readers with more books donated and distributed than ever before, literacy field trip events, and even more volunteers and tutors who are generously donating their time to support students at two additional schools for the 2024-2025 school year."

Dr. Edwin Gomez
Superintendent
Riverside County Office of Education

"The Read With Me Volunteer Programs is such a powerful one! From the stellar leadership to the dedicated volunteers and the generous sponsors – it's changing the lives of our youth here in the Coachella Valley. Happy twentieth anniversary! We appreciate and value your hard work and efforts to make a difference."

Katie Stice IOM
President/CEO
Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce

"The Read With Me Volunteer Programs commitment to building strong foundations in early literacy is commendable. Their partnership has been essential in helping our students develop the skills they need to thrive."

Kelly May-Vollmar, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools
Desert Sands Unified School District

"Having the opportunity to expose children to the love of reading by way of a great non-profit like The Read With Me Volunteer Programs is one of those opportunities to be impactful to Coachella Valley Youth and benefit as a company."

Mark A. Tadros
President
Aziz Farms/The Packhouse at Aziz Farms

"RCOE's Literacy by 5th Grade committee is grateful for the partnership with The Read With Me Volunteer Programs, led by RCOE Director, Sean Webb."



necessary for becoming strong readers."
Dr. Felicia Cruz-Delgado
Executive Director, Instructional Services
Riverside County Office of Education

"The impact of the 'Read with Me Volunteer Programs' on our local students has been nothing short of transformative. Over the past year, these dedicated volunteers have not only helped students improve their literacy skills but have also fostered a love for reading that will last a lifetime. Their work and dedication proves that when we come together to support children, we can build a brighter future for all."

Alisa Williams
CEO
Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce

"The Read With Me program has been amazing for our students at Cathedral City Elementary. With over 80 volunteers coming through every week, It has provided extra support and instruction for students in the classroom. In addition, the relationships and bonds that our students form with their volunteers creates confidence in our students. The students absolutely love spending time working with their volunteers."

Brenda Santana
Principal
Cathedral City Elementary School

"As a volunteer, I'm rewarded every day by seeing each student's progress expanding their reading skills. From the students' perspectives, the mentorship they receive helps build confidence and makes reading a fun activity full of new adventures."

Kevin Baldwin
A volunteer for Cathedral City and Agua Caliente Elementary Schools



2024-2025 Read With Me Volunteer Program Budget	Proposed 24-25 Budget	2023-2024 Actuals as of June 30, 2024	2023-2024 Budget
INCOME			
Grants	\$200,000.00	\$165,250.00	\$135,000
Donations	\$340,000.00	\$279,852.95	\$318,000
RCOE Transportation grant	\$102,000.00	\$133,695.17	\$122,000
RCOE staffing funds (volunteer recruiter)	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RCOE Additional Regional Coordinator/support staff	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Literacy Special events	\$70,000.00	\$58,732.72	\$35,000
Sub Total Donations		\$637,530.84	\$610,000
Earned Interest Income	\$0.00	\$5,099.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$762,000.00	\$642,629.84	\$610,000
Net Investment Income	\$762,000.00	\$642,629.84	\$0.00
EXPENSES			
Accounting & Prof. Fees	\$27,000.00	\$11,845.15	\$12,500
Bank charges	\$200.00	\$150.24	\$0.00
Books	\$105,000.00	\$116,040.40	\$95,000
Buses Transportation	\$100,000.00	\$100,449.75	\$122,000
Computer services/website/video production	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Employee training/conferences	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pass through Expenses	Recategorized	\$14,015.00	\$0.00
Employee Wages	\$210,000.00	\$135,905.84	\$135,000
Special Assistance Fund	\$6,000.00	\$2,200.45	\$6,000.
Field Trips	Recategorized	\$300.00	\$10,000
Volunteer Registration costs	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Raising expense	\$38,000.00	\$30,695.27	\$16,000
Insurance	\$6,500.00	\$5,653.00	\$6,500
Licenses and Permits & Dues	\$1,500.00	\$530.00	\$1,000
Materials	Recategorized	\$215.21	\$20,000
Meetings & Travel-Meals	\$3,000.00	\$1,245.09	\$3,000
Mileage	\$7,000.00	Recategorized	Recategorized
Office expenses	\$13,000.00	\$14,207.54	\$7,000
Payroll Expenses	\$18,900.00	\$11,362.25	\$12,000
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$1,129.33	\$2,000
PR & Marketing	\$34,000.00	\$27,664.12	\$14,000
Printing & Stationery	\$3,500.00	\$1,654.86	\$1,000
Occupancy	\$21,000.00	\$19,133.28	\$21,000
Software licenses	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.10	\$8,000
Special events (Literacy field day, field trip)	\$45,000.00	\$24,422.40	\$35,000
Independent contractors	\$15,000.00	\$22,139.16	\$25,000
Telephone & Internet	\$1,500.00	\$1,066.82	\$2,000
Volunteer Appreciation	\$32,000.00	\$25,895.79	\$30,000
Volunteer Training (staff travel and expense)	\$3,000.00	\$10,059.42	\$7,000
Volunteer Recruitment	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Management	\$2,000.00	\$3,464.00	\$1,800
Totals	\$761,600.00	\$588,444.47	\$592,800
Grants to schools			\$8,000
Unrealized gain or loss		-\$9,755.33	
Total Expenses	\$761,600.00	\$588,444.47	\$600,000