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PROGRESS REPORT
JULY 2015 - DECEMBER 2016



Right now, two out of three Philadelphia school children are unable to read at grade level by 4th grade. This presents a crisis for our city because students failing to reach the critical read-by-4th milestone are likely to remain or fall even further behind in schooling as classroom instruction shifts quickly from learning-to-read to reading-to-learn, making it less likely they will graduate from high school on time.

The good news is that research also shows us that all children are capable of making great strides, if not leaps, in reading ability with help from those who care for and love them inside and outside the classroom and through small changes in everyday interactions.

Read by 4th is an unprecedented citywide effort, managed by the Free Library of Philadelphia, with the goal of doubling the number of children reading at grade level by 4th grade by 2020.

Through Read by 4th's ever-growing coalition of partners (91 at last count) and ongoing community outreach, we are coming together as Philadelphians to embrace our collective responsibility of giving all our children their best shot at success.

We are parents, relatives, neighbors, teachers, researchers, pediatricians, community organizers, faith leaders, camp counselors, after-school program providers, neighborhood shop owners—virtually anyone who cares about, and can connect with, children and their families.

WHAT IT TAKES TO READ BY 4TH

A THEORY OF CHANGE AT WORK

1 Get our children ready for school.

- **2,000 families** can now register their children for new, quality Pre-K, increasing the number of **total slots to 17,135**.
- Information now available to **help families find the right Pre-K program** for them.

2 Make perfect attendance a weekly family goal.

- **School attendance campaign** (Every day counts, from start to finish.) launched.
- **Community Attendance Ambassadors Program** piloted in six schools, supporting **200+ families**.
- **SDP K-3 students present for 95% or more of instructional time** increased from 40.1% in school year 2014-15 to 43.4% in school year 2015-16.

3 Ensure quality reading instruction and the right books are in classrooms.

- **1,173 elementary teachers** across **93 schools** received expert training in the science of reading at the **Summer Literacy Institute**. Additional 198 received advanced training to support their implementation of evidence-based literacy instruction.
- **96 full-time literacy coaches** now supporting high-need schools.
- **1,200+ classrooms** equipped with multi-level books.
- Four area university teacher preparation programs accredited or in accreditation process through the **IDA Knowledge** and **Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading** to ensure a pipeline of teachers with early-literacy expertise.



Philadelphia's first official Reading Hero convenes a mayoral roundtable on Read by 4th February 2017.

4 Maximize out-of-school time (OST) and prevent the summer slide in learning.

- **10,000+ students** expected to participate in literacy-enriched OST programs, doubling the number reached this school year compared to last school year.
- **30,535 elementary students** kept learning over summer months through Free Library of Philadelphia's Jumpstart and Summer of Wonder reading programs.
- **3,000+ students** received Read-and-Rise programming across **118 partner summer camp sites**.
- Countless more enjoy reading experiences at **17 summer meal sites** throughout the city.

5 Support our families' teachable moments.

- **3,400 families** now receiving tips on everyday teachable moments through free text messaging services and information cards, along with family literacy calendars and bookmarks.
- Through partnership networks, concerted efforts to increase availability of free tutoring in reading involving **189 workshops** and **133 volunteers**, supporting **6,594 students** this year. More already planned for next year.
- **612,000+ free books** given to families to grow their home libraries through pediatrician visits, and at school, neighborhood and summer-camp events.

6 Showcase how Reading is Everywhere in Philadelphia.

- **241 read-together zones** set up at popular family spots in high-need neighborhoods. Book nooks made possible by IKEA and reading-hero volunteers.
- In planning: expansion of the proven **reading-focused grocery experiences** in multiple neighborhoods; **traveling literacy festival** and the launching of the **Every Block Needs a Reading Hero** project.



Life is full of
teachable moments.



Anyone can be a
READING HERO.