

2025-26 FUNDED PARTNERS

SERVICE GRANTS



Partner Organization	UWRRV Funded Service Program
Boys & Girls Club of Rockford	Expanding book clubs, storytimes, and independent reading. Staff will facilitate gathering data on children's progression.
Brightpoint	Supporting literacy work and events within the Crisis Nursery.
Easterseals	Onsite Literacy Specialist to work with parents as well as provide literacy kits.
Harlem School District	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>1. Preschool for All</u>: Partner with families and community members to foster academic and social-emotional learning success in preschoolers <u>2. Prenatal to 3 Prevention Initiative</u>: In-home support for families before their children enter school
Regional Office of Education	Science of Reading training for K-3rd grade teachers.
Rockford Public Library	Provide training for other partners, parents, and volunteers for United for Literacy programming.
Rockford Public Schools (RPS 205)	Literacy events through RPS's Prevention Initiative program to involve dads in literacy.
YMCA of Rock River Valley	Five site pilots revising Kids Care afterschool program to include intentional literacy instruction from certified teachers.
YWCA of Northwestern Illinois	Supporting 86 childcare facilities with interactive reading modeling, books, and literacy kits for over 1,000 kids monthly.

BOOK DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

Program	UWRRV Supported Book Distribution Program
Dolly Parton Imagination Library	Children in Winnebago County who are registered will receive a brand new book in the mail each month until their 5th birthday. Parents also receive a monthly e-newsletter.
Tiny Turners	UWRRV provides all IGrow organizations (home visiting, ages 0-3), as well as Trinity Day Care and UW Health NICU with a brand new, developmentally appropriate book for each family monthly.
Page Turners	UWRRV provides six new, developmentally appropriate books for each child in every public preschool in Winnebago County, reaching 3,500 families. Preschool teachers also receive custom curriculum for each book to use in class.
Reach Out and Read	UWRRV provides new, developmentally appropriate books to all health system pediatric offices in Winnebago County. Every child will receive one book at each well-child visit from age 0-5. The Reach Out and Read model trains providers like doctors and nurses to use the book during the check-up and talk to parents / guardians about the importance of rsharing books with their child.
Winnebago County Health Department WIC Program	UWRRV, in partnership with the Winnebago County Health Department, developed a program following the Reach Out and Read model and applies it to their 2x yearly WIC family nutritionist visits. Children ages 0-5 receive a new, developmentally appropriate book at each of these appointments and parents receive guidance on sharing books with their child.
Partner Organization	UWRRV Funded Book Distribution Grant
Alignment Rockford	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Newborn Basics Kits</u>: given to new moms and incorporates Dolly Parton's Imagination Library 2. <u>Ready to Learn Book Spaces</u>: books to sustain current spaces
Brooke Road United Methodist Church	Books to continue Reader's Night In and Reader's Weekend (family) at Brooke Road Community Center.
Durand Charm	Incorporating literacy into numerous community events, supporting classrooms with books.
Junior League of Rockford	Books for existing vending machines and family literacy nights.
Severson Dells	Books to supplement year-round STEM & science programs.
South Beloit School District	Books to support early childhood and elementary classrooms.
Trinity Day Care	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Books and activities 2. Books for all to build home libraries 3. Preschool to age 8 family literacy nights 4. Toddler to 2 family literacy nights
Jackson Charter School	Books for supporting classrooms.
YMCA of Rock River Valley	Books for Childrens' Learning Center classrooms.