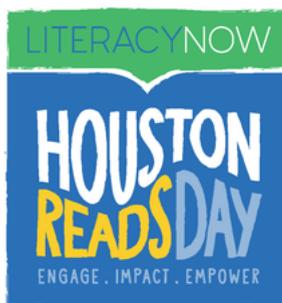


400+  
VOLUNTEERS



IMPACTING OVER 14,000  
PRE K-3RD GRADE STUDENTS

MARCH 1, 2024



By taking just one hour out of your day you can make an impact on the lives of dozens of students' lives. You will have the opportunity to engage with students in a meaningful way, benefitting them and you too!

## WHY?

We have a literacy crisis right here in Houston! Reading is an important skill that is critical to every child's success.

- 73% of 3rd graders do **NOT** read at grade level.
- 41% of young children are **NOT** ready for kindergarten.
- Reading difficulties can create adverse outcomes for children including: behavior problems, joblessness, crime, and homelessness throughout their lifetime.

## WHO IS LITERACY NOW?

- Literacy Now is a non-profit organization that is tackling this literacy crisis head on. Our vision is for every child to read on grade level.
- Our programs consist of reading readiness and reading intervention programs, interactive parent engagement and providing trained volunteer mentors.
- Houston Reads Day provides funding to help sustain and grow our Reading Intervention program and raises awareness of the literacy crisis in our city.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

For more information, please contact Dawn Zieren at [dawn@literacynowhouston.org](mailto:dawn@literacynowhouston.org)

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO JOIN US FOR LITERACY NOW'S 2024 HOUSTON READS DAY  
AS A VOLUNTEER READER AND/OR DONOR?