

Providing adults who live in or near Ottawa County with an opportunity to improve and transform their lives by strengthening their reading and language fluency.

### March 2024 Newsletter

## **Change a Life, Give Today**



## LONG-TIME TUTOR CONTINUES TO GIVE

Jean Grossnickle began tutoring for READ in 2012. She looked forward to her tutoring sessions each week; it was with great joy that she prepared her lessons. Jean describes the simple pleasure of connecting with her learner and being of help. Her learner also became a friend as they worked through learning to drive and improving reading skills.

Jean is a graduate of Western Michigan University and in addition to being a teacher, she has held other jobs in the business sector as well. Currently, Jean struggles with hearing loss and is not able to tutor an ESL learner. As it became clear that there were very few ABE learners, Jean stepped up to give her time in a different capacity.

The staff at READ is so grateful for Jean's willingness to complete some "office style" tasks. She has successfully re-labeled hundreds of brochures and has painstakingly written dozens of sight word flash cards. Jean adds that she is grateful for the opportunity. "It is so nice to be of use," she says.



# Mark your calendars!

# Saturday, Apr. 20

Support your favorite non-profit organizations by shopping local

## **Participating Organizations**

Buses by the Beach

**READ Ottawa** 

**Bluebird Cancer Retreats** 

Momentum Center





How does the BIG Shop work ??

Shop downtown Grand Haven on April 20! When making a purchase you will be asked to designate a portion of the profit to a non-profit of your choice. Choose READ Ottawa!







## **Afternoon Session!**

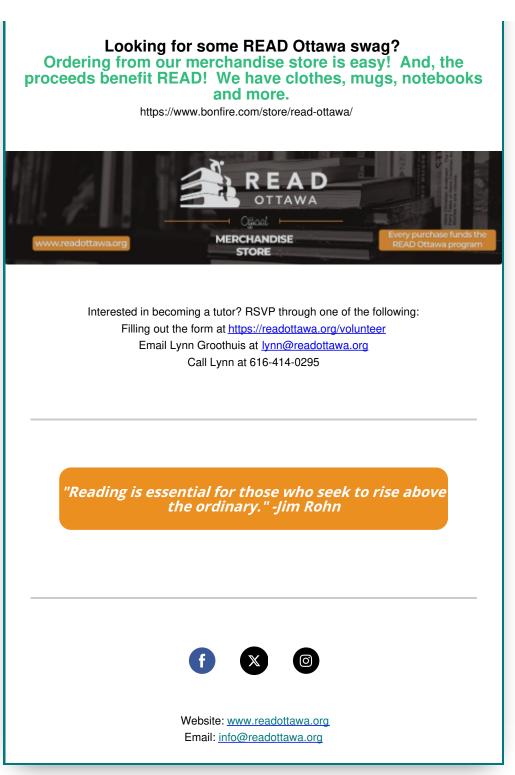
April 15 and 16 1:00-3:00pm Herrick North Branch 155 Riley

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