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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.

February 2025 Newsletter

Change a Life! Give Today!

Many of our tutors are engaged in tutoring more than one unrelated learner, volunteering another tutoring session in their week . We have had such a strong need for more tutors that many of our current tutors have willingly doubled and even tripled their load to take on the influx of learners. We are so grateful! Above is a list of tutors going above and beyond in this capacity.

Winter Training at the Golf Course

Winter training in January took place at the Links at Rolling Meadows clubhouse. It was a delightful change and served to be a warm, comfortable setting. Vicki Mast, tutor and test administrator for READ, never hesitates to share her work with learners and invite others to join. She willingly offered her condo development's clubhouse, gathered up potential tutors and away we went!

5 tutors were trained over 2 snowy, sunny mornings. And, as has repeatedly been the case, all new tutors were matched and sent to work. Holland continues to grow exponentially. This growth has prompted a search for another Pair Coordinator as well as a possible wait list to enter the program. While Richelle Hofman continues to manage the growth extremely well, there is definitely change on the horizon that will service our tutors and learners more efficiently.

New Happenings in the New Year

READ Ottawa is currently conducting interviews for 2 positions in the organization. First, the Board of Directors is heading the search for a new Executive Director to replace Ally Velderman, who resigned at the end of the year. Potential candidates are proving to be strong and qualified for the role.

READ Ottawa is also conducting interviews for a Pair Coordinator to take on Hudsonville and the surrounding area. This person will lighten the load in Holland with many tutor-learner pairs already working in the Hudsonville geography who will transition. The new position also opens up the potential to serve many more learners in Ottawa County thereby furthering the mission of READ Ottawa.

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Interested in becoming a tutor? RSVP through one of the following:
Filling out the form at https://readottawa.org/volunteer
Email Lynn Groothuis at lynn@readottawa.org
Call Lynn at 616-414-0295

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