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March 2025 Newsletter

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Welcome READ Ottawa's New Executive Director

Vicki Ellis begins the role of Executive Director this month. She comes to us with a wealth of experience in the non-profit sector, most recently as the Director of Education for the Grand Haven Area Chamber of Commerce. Her work with program development, collaborative partnerships, and fundraising will certainly benefit the READ Ottawa community. We are excited to have her on board!

Ellis grew up in metro Detroit and after moving about the country a bit, returned to West Michigan. She and her husband have 2 grown sons. Vicki's interests span the seasons with skiing and snowshoeing, hiking, kayaking, reading and travel.

When asked about leading READ Ottawa, Vicki states, "I'm thrilled to be part of an organization that empowers individuals to create a better future for themselves. It's an honor to support READ Ottawa's mission, and I look forward to strengthening existing relationships while fostering new community collaborations and partnerships."

Welcome, Jacquie Karr-Pair Coordinator for Hudsonville

Jacquie Karr comes to READ Ottawa ready to expand the program to reach Hudsonville and surrounding areas. Jacquie holds a degree in Behavioral Science from the University of Michigan and has embraced a variety of roles in her professional career. Currently, as a Certified Life Coach, she helps individuals focus on health, wellness, and longevity. READ Ottawa is thrilled to welcome her to the team!

Jacquie has a variety of interests, with family taking the number one spot. She enjoys time with her grandkids and works to build memories with them. Jacquie also enjoys immersing herself in nature with kayaking, hiking, and beach outings as well as engaging in Mediterranean cooking and travel.

Jacquie is excited to begin her work with READ. "I am passionate about connecting with people in purposeful ways that help them move forward to reach their dreams and achieve their goals."

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