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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.

April 2025 Newsletter

Change a Life! Give Today!

READ Welcomes Newly Trained Tutors

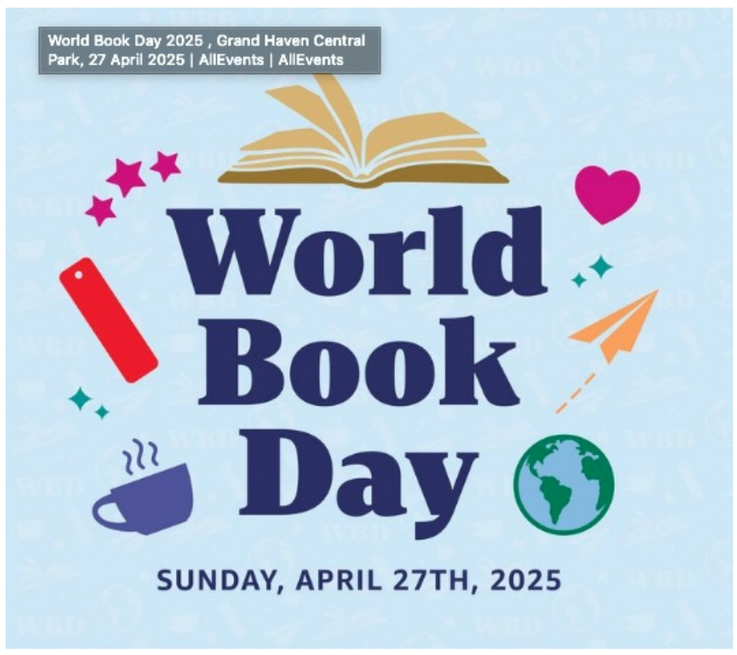
The boardroom at City on a Hill was the site of our first March training for READ. 6 new tutors gathered around the official meeting table to become familiar with the program.

We continue to add warm, wonderful people to our tutor force! Tutors in both north and south Ottawa County were quickly put to work.

Spring Lake District Library was the site of our second READ training in March. 5 new tutors were trained and swiftly matched with learners.

On March 22 Grand Haven held its first Third Coast Author and Book Fest. Over 100 authors were scattered among the downtown merchants and available for conversation, signing and sales. The evening VIP event offered attendees the privilege of mingling with the authors over cocktails and small plates.

To showcase our work in Ottawa County, READ Ottawa made an appearance. Vicki Ellis was able to share our need for tutors and invite the community to play scrabble for a great cause on May 8!



Who loves FREE books? We do!
On April 28th, we will be set up in Grand Haven Central Park, handing out free audio and print books for readers of all ages.
PLUS, author signings! From 1pm – 3pm, author Aaron Zenz and Author Tracy Brogan will be signing copies of their books to be given away for free!
Aaron Zenz will sign his children's book, Hiccupotamus, and Tracy Brogan will sign her romance title, Crazy Little Thing.
Children's books: limit 2 per family
Come get copies of your favorite reads and discover new pieces to dive into this year!

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

" Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." William Butler Yeats

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