Volunteer to read to kids! Become a United Way K-READY Reader.

We all win when a child has a head start on quality education that leads to success in future jobs, when individuals have enough income to support a family through retirement, and when we all enjoy good health. These are benefits that ripple out to the whole community.

Reading to young children can help to improve their literacy skills and lead to a love for learning and success in school. You can help them along their way, creating hope and options for the future.

Time Commitment
- For a minimum of about four months, you will go to a designated, supervised site and read to children one-on-one and/or in small groups.
- You should be able to commit 1 hour per week (optimal) or every other week, between 9am and 5:30 pm.
- Reading will take place on weekdays. No evenings or weekends are available at this time. Specific days and times will vary based on each volunteer’s availability and each site’s specific needs.
- You must attend a two-hour orientation/training before going to your site.

Qualifications & Requirements
Absolutely must:
- Enjoy working with children.
- Love to read.
- Be on time.
- Have patience.
- Jump through our hoops (complete an application and a NH Criminal Background Check).

Would be great if you:
- Have a big, friendly smile and can laugh when things go wrong.
- Can remain nonjudgmental.
- Don’t mind reading favorite books over, and over, and over again.
- Spread the word about the importance of reading to kids!

Benefits
- UWGS will provide program orientation and training.
- UWGS will offer periodic educational opportunities on a variety of topics related to early learning.
- The UWGS K-Ready Coordinator will provide support to you and your site coordinator to ensure your success.
- You will experience the joy of learning through a child’s eyes.
- You will develop new skills and confidence.
- You will feel good about yourself and have fun!
- The children you help will be better prepared to succeed in school.
- You can become an advocate for early learning.

Visit [http://www.uwgs.org/kreadyreaders](http://www.uwgs.org/kreadyreaders) to complete an application today!

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