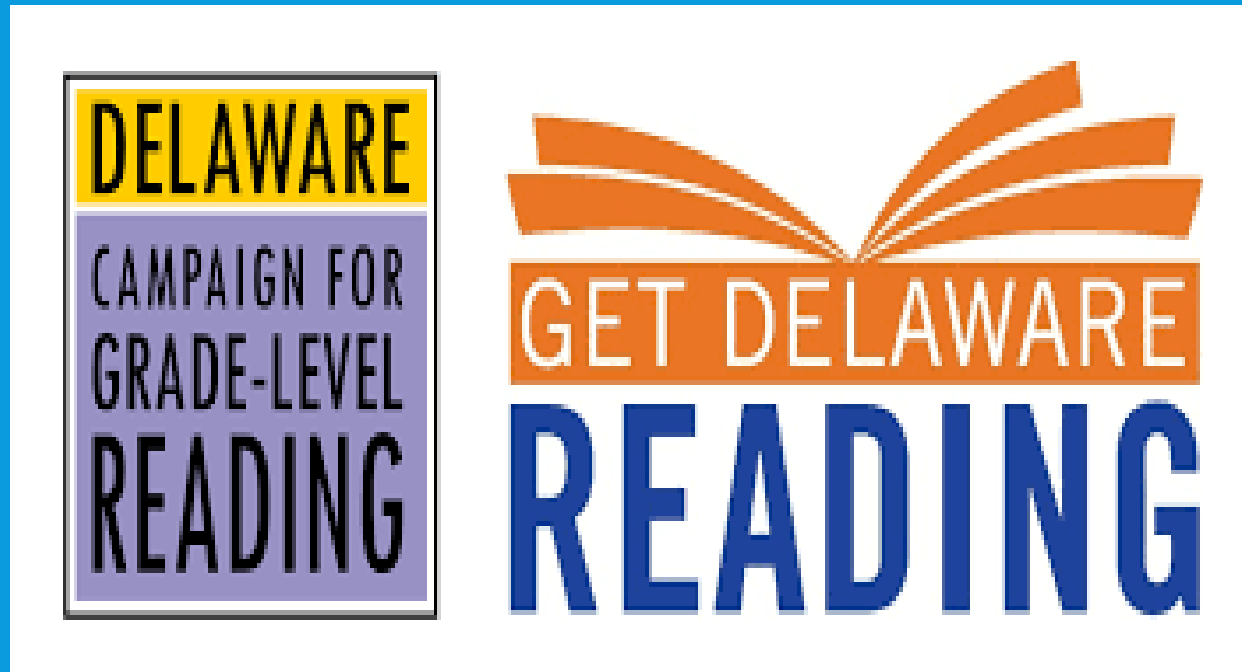


# GET DELAWARE READING



Moving the Needle on Third Grade Reading!

Real Action Leading to Results

# OBJECTIVE

- To provide information on United Way of Delaware Get Delaware Reading Literacy Initiatives.

# WHY THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT

- In middle-income neighborhoods [the ratio of books per child is 13 to 1](#), in low-income neighborhoods, the ratio is 1 age-appropriate book for every 300 children.
- 2/3 of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will likely end up in jail or on welfare. Over 70% of America's inmates cannot read above a 4th grade level. [ref. 2 »](#)
- Those who don't read proficiently by the 3rd grade are 4 times likely to drop out of school. [ref. 3 »](#)
- [80% of preschool and after-school programs](#) serving low-income populations have no age-appropriate books for their children.
- [Children from lower-income homes have limited access to books](#). Because of this, there are fewer home and preschool language and literacy opportunities for preschoolers from low-income families than children from economically advantaged backgrounds.

# GET DELAWARE READING

The Get Delaware Reading Initiative focuses on promoting early literacy and school readiness through quality teaching, reducing chronic absence, and improving summer learning. Additionally, the program endeavors to engage parents as their children's first teachers. The program seeks to support the state's goal of all student reading on or above grade level by third grade.

# NEMOURS BRIGHT START

- Nemours BrightStart! (NBS!) The Complete Program for Early Literacy Success is the only proactive early literacy program developed by a child health organization to improve reading and health outcomes for struggling or emergent readers beginning in the preschool years. The 20-lesson program puts educators at the forefront of early literacy best practices with an exciting multisensory approach to building reading readiness skills. The strategy-based design format provides educators with well-researched strategies and foundational best practices that promote oral language, print awareness, letter knowledge, phonological awareness, emergent writing, and comprehension skills. The NBS! Complete Program for Early Literacy Success: Level One contains the following:
  - 20 Lesson Plans with corresponding materials (Lesson Plans Can Be Adjusted)
  - 200+ early literacy activities
  - Teacher's Guide • Read Aloud Book Set (16 high-quality children's books)
  - Family Connection (parent letters in English and Spanish)
  - Adaptive and Accelerated Strategies for diverse learners
  - Skill Development Checklists for progress monitoring
  - Sensory Manipulatives Kit (Gel Writing Boards, Magnetic Whiteboards, Magnifying Glasses, Magnetic Letters, Music CDs, Puppets, and more)

# BOOK NOOK INITIATIVE

BookNook provides guided literacy sessions for small groups of 2-6 students with a Reading Guide/Teacher. Guides run the BookNook lesson from a device such as a laptop or Chromebook.

Students will be on their own Chromebook or other device and participate in fun and engaging activities in phonics, fluency, comprehension, and more.

# MVOL- MY VERY OWN LIBRARY

The MVOL program is a collective effort to spark and foster a love for reading and improve literacy test scores among participating school students throughout the state of Delaware. The program is convened by the United Way of Delaware, and supported by University of Chicago and Scholastic.

# MVOL RESOURCES PROVIDED & OUTCOMES

- Monthly meeting with MVOL collaborative
  - Access to UW 211 press 4
  - Book Distribution opportunities along with virtual/in person Family Engagement Opportunities
  - Weekly Reading Angels Video provided to MVOL DE Sites and the greater community.
  - Special collaboration events with MVOL national continuum (Ex. MVOL Night of Poetry, virtual author engagement opportunities)
    - Working with outside literacy organizations and well as with in our MVOL continuum to create Reading Book Challenges and literacy activities
- Students will have an increased love of reading
- Student will have increased literacy test scores
- Increased parent engagement events/activities around literacy (virtual and in-person)



# MVOL LOCATIONS 18 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS, 7 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, 3 COUNTIES

## Brandywine School District

Harlan Elem. School

## Capital School District

Fairview Elem. School

## Caesar Rodney School District

W. Reily Brown

## Christina School District

The Bancroft School  
The Bayard School  
Stubbs Early Education Center  
Mclary Elementary School  
Brader Elementary School

## Colonial School District

Eisenberg Elementary School  
Wilmington Manor Elementary School

## Indian River School District

North Georgetown Elementary School  
Georgetown Elementary School

## Red Clay School District

Highlands Elementary School  
Lewis Dual Elementary School  
Shortlidge Academy  
Warner Elementary School  
Forest Oak Elementary School

Thomas Edison Charter School

# WHAT OUR MVOL PARTNERS ARE SAYING!

## Strengths of MVOL Program:

- Provides books and Language Arts resources for all our students to build their home libraries and promote reading outside of the school day-**W.Reily Brown**
- Providing multiple opportunities for students to engage in reading (books, virtual author engagements, daily reading angels, etc) Providing resources for the school community-**Fairview Elementary**
- We love being able to provide our students with free books. We love all of the literacy-related opportunities, such as author visits.-**Harlan Elementary**
- The MVOL program strengthens students ability to learn and read through activities and interaction.-**The Bayard School**

[MVOL Student Video](#)

# 2021-2022 MVOL FALL INVESTMENT

- Winter Distribution Book Fair 35,390
- Spring Distribution Book Fair 42,175
- Author Engagement Books 4,177
- Total Number of Books 81,742
- Total Number of students **8,435**

# THE VALUE OF BOOKS IN THE HOME

- *Spark your child's imagination*
- *Stimulates curiosity*
- *Helps develop your child's brain*
- *Helps with the ability to focus, and concentration*
- *Effects on social skills and communication skills*
- *Help your child learn the difference between “real” and “make-believe”*
- *Increase vocabulary*

# BALLARD'S READING BUDDIES/READING ANGELS

- Ballard's Reading Buddies, a United Way of Delaware Reading Angels Initiative, connects adult volunteers with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to foster a love of reading and build confidence as they grow. Buddies read from October to May once a week. Adult buddies support students who may need more individualized attention to improve their literacy.





# (Back-to-School) Resource Fair & Book Bag Giveaway

Brought to you by United Way and The Wilmington Public Library

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FREE BOOKBAGS, FREE COVID VACCINATIONS, FOOD,  
LIVE DJ, FREE HAIRCUTS, RESOURCES TABLES & MORE!

To register please call 2-1-1 and press 4.



**SATURDAY**  
**AUGUST 13TH, 2022**  
**FREE EVENT | 11-2PM**

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OUTSIDE IN THE FRONT OF THE LIBRARY  
AND INDOORS IN THE COMMONS ROOM



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WILMINGTON  
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# LITERACY AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT PARTNERS

- Read Aloud
- Reading Assist
- Campaign for Grade Level Reading
- Statewide Libraries Collaborative (Community of Excellence)
- Vision To Learn
- Parent Information Center
- Network Connect
- DOE
- Paws for People
- Wilmington Police Department
- Attendance Works
- Delaware Blue Coats
- Children's and Families First
- Westside Health
- Henrietta Johnson Medical Center
- Community Dental Health (DHSS)
- Delaware Readiness Team
- Habitat for Humanity





We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there "is" such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and postive action.

— *Martin Luther King* —

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# THANK YOU

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