

R.E.A.D.

READING ENABLES ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Spring 2019 Newsletter

Our mission is to provide adults who live in or near Northwest Ottawa County the opportunity to improve or transform their lives by strengthening their reading and language skills.



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R.E.A.D. Kicked Off 2019 By Celebrating 10 Years!

On January 15, 2019 R.E.A.D. hosted a small gathering to celebrate 10 years of serving Northwest Ottawa County! Current tutors, students, and community supporters gathered at The Bookman to enjoy cake and celebrate the organization's many accomplishments. Attendees had the opportunity to catch up or get to know one another as they worked on a jigsaw puzzle and roamed the bookstore.

R.E.A.D. officially became a 501(c)3 in 2008. A small group of passionate individuals wanted to ensure that everyone in Northwest Ottawa County had equal access to literacy! The first tutor training was held in the Spring of 2009. That first year, R.E.A.D. supported 3 student/tutor pairs. As the only nonprofit to offer adult basic literacy and English as a second language tutoring, R.E.A.D. has continued to grow throughout the years. Today, 27 pairs are actively

working on their literacy goals, and there's still room for more!

In the last 10 years, R.E.A.D. has worked with 170 individuals. In 2018, we served 50 students and our volunteers provided over 850 sessions totaling 2,384 volunteer hours! R.E.A.D. would not be able to fulfill the mission without the support and dedication of our tutors.

The past 10 years have shown tremendous growth, and we are looking forward to what the next 10 years bring!



R.E.A.D.'s 5th Annual

SCRABBLE FUNDRAISER



Pictured: The first place team, Bird is the Word, with their trophy.

team formed by the Grand Haven Eagles Foe 925, took first place. The members of the winning team were Sandy George, Char Mayrose, Phil Mayrose, and Ruth Sorensen. Our second-place team was *Active Adjectives* from Active Manufacturing.

The event was a success! We had a blast while raising money and gaining awareness for adult literacy in Northwest Ottawa County. We are so grateful to all the sponsors, donors and participants! This event wouldn't be possible without you. We're already looking forward to the 6th Annual Scrabble Fundraiser and we hope to grow this event even more!

This quarter was full of fun events for R.E.A.D! We held our 5th Annual Scrabble Fundraiser at Seven Steps Up on March 14, 2019. This year, 14 teams competed for the coveted scrabble trophy! Teams played two rounds of Scrabble and tried to create the highest scoring word. Ultimately, *Bird is the Word*, the

Currently, R.E.A.D. is serving 27 students, but we have the capacity to serve more!

If you know someone who might like a tutor, call or email R.E.A.D. today!
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Seven Steps Up

Thank you



of Grand Haven, for having R.E.A.D. host a Share Night on February 26th! We appreciate the chance to raise money and spread awareness for adult literacy!



Upcoming Events

May 23, 2019

Tutor Learning Circle

6:30-8:00 PM

Spring Lake Public Library

July 14, 2019

Tutor Appreciation Picnic

12:00- 2:00 PM

Mill Point Park

August 31 - September 2, 2019

Labor Day Weekend Garage Sale

Location TBA

More info to come soon!