

# #yorkreads... you can help!

Did you know that for many low-income families, there are ZERO age-appropriate books in the home?

When you donate books to United Way of York County, we place them in the hands of children in York County who need them through our #yorkreads initiatives!



United Way of York County

## EARLY LITERACY READING CHALLENGES

The Early Literacy Reading Challenges are pre-literacy programs that encourage families to read to their children birth to 5 years old every day. Due to COVID-19 and the closure of early learning centers over the past year, our results have been conservatively estimated.



Early Literacy  
**READ TO ME**  
challenge

168  
students

14  
classrooms

5,200  
books read

While targeted for our toddler, the entire family looks forward to the books Carly brings home for the challenge. Our older children enjoy reading the books provided to Carly; my husband and I enjoy watching our 2-year-old learn new words and amaze us with her already existing vocabulary.

— Brittany Deatrick, parent,  
Hanover YMCA Early  
Learning Center

27  
classrooms

482  
students

64,948  
books read



# LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Little Free Libraries are strategically placed freestanding book-sharing boxes in Dover, Red Lion, and York City, that are catalysts for improving reading and deepening community connections.



# REACH OUT AND READ

During well visits at Family First Health York County locations, children aged 6 months through 5 years are issued a “prescription” from their pediatrician to read and are provided with a book to take home.

5  
libraries

3  
communities  
served

1,037 books  
distributed

4 sites

Children  
6 months  
to 5 years

959 books  
distributed



10 Reading  
Ready  
Corners

506 books  
distributed  
via Corners

10,414  
additional  
books given  
out

# READING READY CORNERS

Reading Ready Corners are bookshelves that are placed and filled in offices where families may wait for an appointment of service. Reading Ready Corners encourage families to read together while they wait, and they can also take books home.

Please  
drop off new  
or gently used books for  
children of all ages, from birth  
through elementary school, between  
8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday  
at 800 E. King Street, York, PA 17403.

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[www.unitedway-york.org/york-reads](http://www.unitedway-york.org/york-reads).