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FEBRUARY NEWS

SPREAD THE LOVE OF READING!

Celebrate Black History Month with RIF

Hey teachers! Need resources for Black History Month? Discover a word search from [RIF](#), a read aloud video of [The Daylight Marriage](#) narrated by author Kareem Abdul-Jabbar or engage your class with an educator guide for [The Daylight Marriage](#) written by National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, Jacqueline Woodson.



Peter Rabbit Resources on Literacy Central

Who's excited for the theatrical release of Peter Rabbit on February 9? Check out RIF's wide variety of fun literacy activities to engage kids, including healthy eating activities and a Peter Rabbit scavenger hunt - perfect to share with some-bunny who loves Peter!



RIF Recap: National Reading Day

On National Reading Day, January 23, RIF donated 5,000 books to three high-need schools in Chicago as part of RIF's Books for Ownership program. RIF teamed up with marathon reader, 4-year-old Caleb Green, who captivated kids and adults everywhere when he read 100 books in a single day and his parents shared his accomplishments on Facebook Live to promote the importance of reading. Students at Gillespie Technology Magnet Cluster, Wendell Smith Elementary School and Richard J. Oglesby Elementary School were excited to select five new books each to take home. Caleb shared his love of reading by leading a read-aloud event to Pre-K students at Gillespie. Caleb's mother Rhoda was thrilled to partner with RIF as the first step toward achieving Caleb's goal to distribute 10,000 books to low income Chicago schools, saying "It's a great feeling to not only encourage kids to read but also provide them with books that will be the gateway to their future of great discoveries through reading. When we set a huge goal of 10,000 books we tried to pick a number that was so scary it seemed out of reach. Reading Is Fundamental put that number well within reach by donating half the total amount!"



RIF's Teacher Feature

RIF recently caught up with Georgette Sierra, a teacher at Oakbrooke Elementary School in Sherwood, Arkansas, who implemented RIF's reading intervention program Read for Success in her classroom for the past two years. Georgette's students connected deeply to the program and demonstrated remarkable gains while using Read for Success.

Want to get the full scoop? Read on to learn the full story.



Community Spotlight: Books on Bikes

RIF is proud to support 2,800 kids in 20 communities nationwide through our new summer success grant program. One of RIF's new grant recipients is Books on Bikes - a program where teachers ride adult tricycles loaded with books and popsicles into high poverty student neighborhoods to read aloud to kids!



Share the Love

Roses are red, violets are blue, support RIF with a gift and help kids read, too! 25 million U.S. students cannot read proficiently but the literacy crisis is a solvable problem. Join RIF to create change.



Get Ready!

RIF's Million Book March is coming! Students across the country can prepare to read a total of 1,000,000 books in March and keep track by entering the number of books read on our book counter.

Watch for details to come!