



Rosie Report



2024 Summer Reading Program

The 2024 Summer Reading Program was a huge success, and the Rosie Reader Outreach team was an important part of reaching kids across Des Moines! Let's take a look at Rosie's summer, by the numbers:

- 106 outreach visits to summer care sites
- 57 outreach visits to early education sites, with 2,344 attendees in those rooms.
- 1,604 elementary-aged kids received regular visits from DMPL
- 17 community events, making contact with 2,337 people.



All summer care sites reported that the Summer Reading Challenge:

- Increased their students' excitement to read
- Helped their site incorporate literacy-based activities into their curriculum
- Benefited their students academically
- Increased their awareness of DMPL resources that their site can use throughout the year

Where's Rosie?



Rosie spent the summer with dozens of kids at the **Des Moines Parks & Recreation Summer Camps**. The Rosie team went to each camp each week, bringing the Summer Reading Challenge, books, games, and crafts. Parks & Recreation Supervisor Amarre Negussie says, **"This initiative has been nothing short of transformative for our community... The personalized attention and encouragement provided by the dedicated team have made a profound difference in nurturing a lifelong passion for reading."**

Partner of the Month



Des Moines Public Schools Preschools

For the past several years, DMPL staff have provided free deposit collections to preschools in the Des Moines Public Schools system. Staff pulls and curates titles from our shelves to place into collections for each individual classroom, balancing subjects and topics and ensuring representation. This year, they pulled more than 1,000 books for these schools. Each collection will rotate among the classrooms throughout the year, ensuring classrooms get fresh books each month.



Rosie Reader Book Pick of the Month



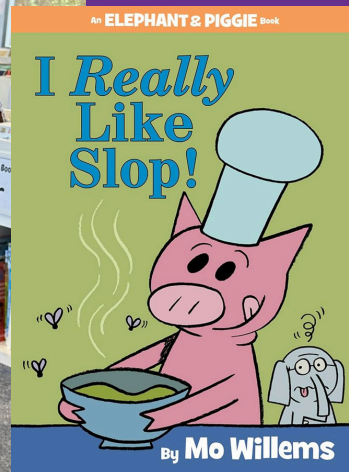
A "robot" DMPS made with tools discussed in *Be a Maker*.



Be a Maker, by Katey Howes

First graders at Des Moines Public Schools are learning all about tools and work right now. Our Rosie team is using this book during classroom visits to learn more about the cardboard creations in the book - a telescope, a blueprint, a spaceship, and more - and how you can create them with everyday tools!

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I Really Like Slop, by Mo Willems

Cora, this month's Kid Librarian, loves the Elephant & Piggie series! In this book, Piggie invites Gerald to try her favorite food . . . slop. But Gerald is not so sure he's going to like it. At all.



Literacy Tip of the Month

When you walk with your child or holding your child, count the steps you walk together. This a great way to associate numbers with the real world and gives examples of distance and sequencing that can help kids understand stories.