



Rosie Reader By the Numbers - September 2024

Rosie was back in the classrooms as school geared up! The Rosie Reader team averaged more than 10 classroom visits every school day, including:

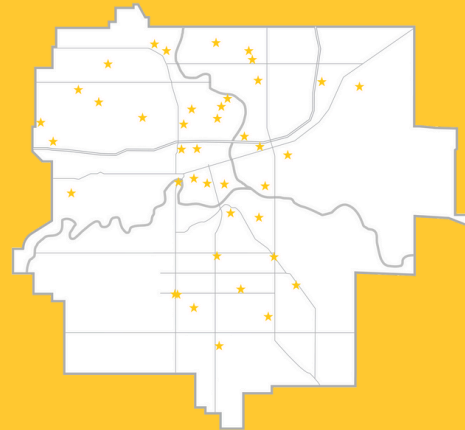
- 116 preschool classroom visits
- 26 elementary school classroom visits
- 14 after-school visits
- **Total: 156 classroom visits - 2,388 kids in attendance**



Maddie, Madison Elementary's Rosie Reader, shares stories and the Reading for Rosie Classroom Challenge

The Rosie team interacted with 1,300 people at these community events in September:

- Madison Elementary's Boogie on the Blacktop
- Monroe's Meet the Teacher Night
- Hanawalt Elementary PTA
- Polk County's Resource Fair
- Latino Heritage Festival
- Beaverville Fall Festival



Everywhere the Rosie team was in September in Des Moines!

Where's Rosie?

The Latino Heritage Festival



Rosie celebrated Latino Heritage Month by taking part in the Latino Heritage Festival at the Western Gateway Park in September. 424 people visited the library's tent throughout the weekend, walking through our bilingual storywalk and meeting Rosie!

You can find Rosie at DMPL's Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration on **Saturday, November 2**. There will be treats and refreshments, crafts, a special Luchador storytime, and more. It takes place from 4-6:30 PM at the Central Library.

Partner of the Month



Rosie attends Knock and Drop Iowa's Easter celebration in 2024

Knock and Drop Iowa

The Rosie team operates a Spanish-language early literacy station at Knock and Drop Iowa's Latinx food pantry. Knock and Drop Executive Director Zuli Garcia says offering these opportunities helps young families build necessary reading skills. Rosie frequently appears at Knock and Drop events, and Les, Knock and Drop's Rosie Reader, visits monthly to share literacy activities and materials



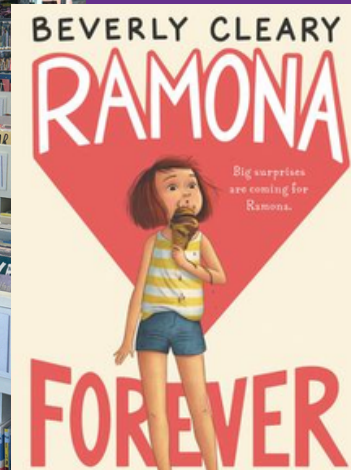
Rosie Reader Book Pick of the Month



Paletero Man, by Lucky Diaz

Kindergartners at Des Moines Public Schools are currently learning about collaboration through toys and play. During visits, the Rosie team has been reading *Paletero Man*, a vibrant picture book about a man selling paletas in his community. After storytime is over, the class creates their own paletas and decorates an ice cream truck for their classroom!

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Ramona Forever, by Beverly Cleary

Olive, this month's Kid Librarian, enjoys Beverly Cleary's classic novels. In this book, Ramona, the series' main character, is old enough to stay home alone with her sister Beezuz - but she must work hard to get along with her! Find more books at dmpl.org/kids



Literacy Tip of the Month

During playtime, stack blocks or boxes as high as you can. Chat with your child about images or numbers that are on the blocks. Ask them about what they're building - is it a tower? A castle? Stacking blocks helps children develop both fine motor skills and an imagination. Learn more at dmpl.org/simple-steps.