



Rosie Report



Rosie Reader By the Numbers - November 2024

Rosie Reader Classroom Visits

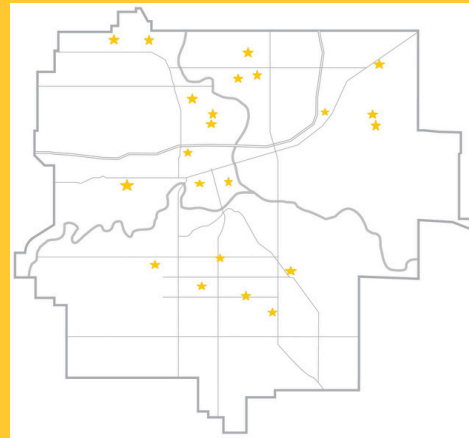
- 239 preschool classroom visits - 3,769 kids in attendance
- 84 elementary school classroom visits - 1,850 kids in attendance
- 21 after-school visits - 516 kids in attendance
- **Total: 344 classroom visits - 6,135 kids in attendance**



A kindergartener learns how to make a "tornado" during a visit by the Rosie team to Wright Elementary.

The Rosie team interacted with 2,851 people at community events in November, such as:

- DMPL's Day of the Dead
- Samuelson and Park Ave. Elementary Family Nights
- Simple Steps Early Literacy Family Nights
- USCIS's Naturalization Ceremony
- Polk County Justice Center's Adoption Day
- Art Center's Family Day
- and more!



Everywhere the Rosie team was in November in Des Moines!

Where's Rosie?

Book Giveaways for the Holidays!



Rosie Reader team member Damian at the Knock and Drop Iowa Christmas Posada event.

The Rosie team works with partner organizations to bring the joy of reading into their holiday celebrations!

Kids at FosterSQUAD's Operation Santa and Knock and Drop Iowa's Posada were excited to choose a new book to build their personal libraries! More than 1,000 books were distributed at the events, along with information about literacy and the Des Moines Public Library!

Partner of the Month



Our Early Literacy Bag Partners

This month we'd like to highlight the many community partners who help us distribute Simple Steps early literacy information to the families they work with! These goodie bags include early literacy activities that families can do together around the house or while out-and-about, information about the library, and how to build early literacy skills through reading, writing, singing, playing, and talking. Thank you to all our partners for your help sharing this important message! The following organizations are some that help distribute these bags:

- Ankeny Preschools
- Capital Hill Lutheran Church
- DMPs Preschools
- FosterSQUAD
- ISU Extension
- Mary's Helping Hands
- West Des Moines Public Library



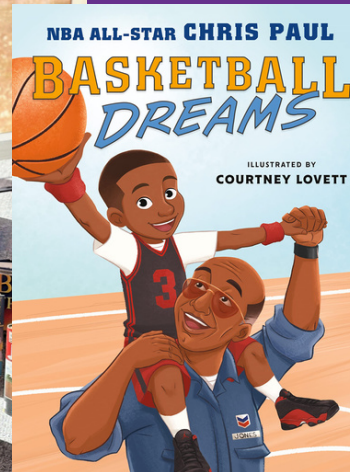
Rosie Reader Book Pick of the Month



I Am the Storm, by Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple

This is a book the Rosie team has enjoyed sharing with DMPS' Kindergarten classes in alignment with their curriculum about weather wonders. Dancing scarves provide a great movement opportunity for students as they use the scarves to mimic each type of storm in the book! Pictured is Maddie, one of the library's Rosie Readers, reading the story at Wright Elementary School.

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Basketball Dreams,
by Chris Paul

This month's Kid Librarian, Liam, loves sports! One of his favorite books is *Basketball Dreams*, a true story from NBA All-Star Chris Paul about the lessons he learned from his grandpa that helped shape him into an NBA superstar. Find more books at dmpl.org/kids.



Literacy Tip of the Month

Play-doh is a perfect way to play together. Use play-doh to create creatures, and then act out a story with them. Literacy is not just about reading, but understanding what you read. This simple act of creating stories together helps children understand story structure, such as beginning, middle, and end.