

read ahead

share a page in a child's life

2023-24

Impact Report



Read Ahead is dedicated to helping New York City 1st - 5th grade students strengthen the literacy and social-emotional skills they need to thrive in school and beyond

100%

of educators surveyed would recommend Read Ahead to other teachers, afterschool staff, or school leaders



640 students
1,062 volunteers



1,407 sessions at
8 public schools



90% average
attendance



5,250+
books read

100% of volunteers would recommend Read Ahead to a friend or colleague

- **95%** of volunteers enjoyed the experience of being a mentor
- **96%** of volunteers are proud to work for a company that supports Read Ahead's mission

95% of educators & caregivers felt their student(s) benefited from Read Ahead

Top benefits mentioned included:

Self-confidence in reading

Love of reading

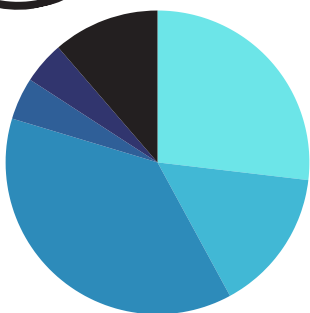
Reading ability

Feeling supported

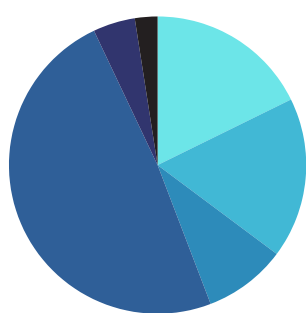


School Year Highlights

- Distributed over 2,000 books, 500 backpacks filled with school supplies, and thousands of snack packs to Read Ahead students and others at our public elementary school partners
- Hosted two special in-person sessions in February and May to bring students and volunteers together
- Successfully piloted a new literacy learning platform, Lexia Core5, with 185 mentor-mentee pairs at three schools
- Partnered with 35 leading corporate and community partners



90% of students in Read Ahead identify as BIPOC



46% of volunteers in Read Ahead identify as BIPOC

56% hear English as their primary language at home

Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese are the other top languages spoken by families

42% of volunteers speak two or more languages

Spanish, Mandarin, and French are the other top languages spoken by volunteers

Thank you to the entire Read Ahead community for another incredible year of reading and mentoring!

Special thank you to the educators, families, and volunteers who completed our May, 2024 surveys and contributed to this report.

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