



**A COMMUNITY CHALLENGE  
TO IMPROVE LITERACY  
IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN**

**A collaboration of  
Participating School Districts,  
Cedar Rapids, Ely, Fairfax, Hiawatha, Marion,  
and Swisher Public Libraries**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024**

Marion Independent  
Xavier Catholic

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024**

Cedar Rapids Community  
College Community  
Linn-Mar Community

**Please join the AMERICA READS: *Reading is Contagious*  
celebration in our schools**

- ❖ Community members share their joy of reading annually to over 16,000 elementary students, preschool through grade 5.
- ❖ A visit takes about 30 minutes, including time to select, review and read the book.
- ❖ Books may be provided by the school library, or readers may bring a favorite story to share.
- ❖ Sign up **by October 11** to allow adequate scheduling time for participating schools.
- ❖ A confirmation verifying school, day, time and audience will be sent to you prior to the event.

**Sign up link available September 1 - October 11  
on the Cedar Rapids Community School District  
Web site [crschools.us](http://crschools.us) - click on "About" & "Volunteer"  
or call 319-558-2001 ext. 78200 for assistance**

**AMERICA READS:  
*Reading is Contagious* invites:**

community/business representatives, parents, family members, and young adults  
to visit a local elementary school to share a story with children.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**