



Reading Legacies May 2019 Newsletter



Happy Mother's Day to all of our friends who are mothers, grandmothers, big sisters or special mentors to children. We celebrate your life-giving capacity and your loving support of children in your homes and elsewhere in the community. We give special kudos to the mothers who strive to be present for their children no matter the obstacle as they choose to read aloud with their children while incarcerated with the use of technology. This experience helps to build bridges and instill hope and purpose in their lives, while reinforcing their love for their children at home. One mother shared the following message with us about her participation: "My girls love [the video] and play it every night before bedtime. They said they love that mommy still reads to them even though I am far away. This program gives me peace knowing that I am still connecting with them as they are growing."

It's not just parents, but youth who also engage in caring connections with young children through participation in our Youth Readers program. Reading aloud with preschoolers reinforces nurturing and caring traits in these young community leaders.



Our Newest Team Member



We are honored to introduce our newest Board Member, Ashley Rawlins, who comes to us with a background in Criminal Justice and a heart for children and families. She is an active attorney and brings expertise and skills to help us grow our visibility and support in the community while leading our efforts to design an exciting upcoming event in celebration of our tenth year of service (date to be announced in the near future).

Welcome Ashley!!

How Can You Participate?

Reading Legacies encourages relationships through reading aloud together. Part of our strategy is to engage our entire community in sharing their time and love of reading with others. We would be honored to help you identify a role as part of our volunteer team as we continue to “strengthen relationships through reading together”. We have ambitious plans for 2019 and beyond and welcome your participation as together we work to keep our world connected through reading. Your time, talents, and resources are encouraged. We look forward to hearing from you soon at 619-269-2743 or info@readinglegacies.org.

What is great to read aloud with kids in May?

We invite you to use our [May children's booklist](#) offering several titles in celebration of Mother's Day and other May events. Our booklists are published on a monthly basis and are created by an incredible team of qualified volunteers consisting of educators, librarians, publishers and other community members who are passionate about children, families, and quality children's books.