

Reading Legacies Storybook Legacies Program Description

The purpose of this program is to provide meaningful communication between generations as they read stories aloud together, using technology to bridge geographical separations and to enhance intergenerational interactions. We provide encouragement, ideas, book selections, and video-recording sessions for adults of all ages to create a gift for young children in their lives with whom they wish to communicate and nurture. Older family members are able to share family memories and values in the recording session that become true “legacies” for the children to whom the read-aloud videos are sent. Children feel loved and valued while also gaining a greater understanding of the previous generations through these read-aloud recordings specially created for them.

Volunteer Responsibilities and Expectations

- Volunteers can participate in our Storybook Legacies program here in the Story Corner at Liberty Station as well as other locations throughout the county, such as retirement centers and public libraries. In this program, volunteers greet, coach, and encourage adults (often seniors) who have signed up to read a story on video to special children in their lives. You will then video-record the adult reading a favorite storybook aloud to be sent by Reading Legacies staff to the intended child.
- Volunteers are required to attend a Reading Legacies training to learn our process and other information pertinent to this program.
- Volunteers are encouraged to be able to commit to participating in one program event a month. These events usually last around two hours (with transportation to and from not included).
- It is our policy that Reading Legacies volunteers never work alone. You will always be with at least one other volunteer and a staff member from Reading Legacies or the facility where the event is located will always be available to you.
- Often, volunteers will range from youth age group to seniors themselves – giving an opportunity for intergenerational collaboration as you volunteer.
- You will need to provide your own transportation to and from the program event and be able to provide proof of valid and up-to-date auto insurance.
- Your experience as an important member of our team is of utmost importance to us, including your safety and “job” satisfaction.



Reading Legacies is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) public-benefit organization whose mission is based on our core value that intergenerational shared reading experiences provide a unique opportunity to empower children and youth as valued family and community members—a critically important priority for the future of our country. Our strategies to fulfill our mission and vision for children and youth are by facilitating meaningful “community connections” and “family connections” for them.