

Program Overview

The YReaders Summer Learning Loss Prevention Program provides additional support during summer months that students need to be proficient in reading by the end of third grade. In 2025, the program will quadruple to serve 60 Title 1 students who scored below grade level in reading assessments. Certified teachers and assistants provide literacy instruction based on the students' needs and students will participate in a variety of enrichment activities.



The Need

A lack of academic and enrichment opportunities during summer means that many children experience up to two months of academic learning loss during summer months which is particularly detrimental for students who are already academically behind their peers. Summer out-of-school time is particularly challenging to low-income neighborhoods as many youth lose access to books and enrichment activities.

With the end of third grade marking the transition from learning to read to reading to learn, it is a benchmark year and is the best predictor of a child's success in school. Of students who are reading proficiently in third grade, 96% graduate high school on time; whereas, students not reading proficiently are four times more likely to drop out of high school.

Program Outcomes

The YReaders Program has a 25-year track record of significantly improving reading and literacy that is rooted in consistent data outcomes and local school partnerships. The 2024 program showed positive outcomes for students and families. Overall, the students gained **2.5 months of reading growth** over the 5-week program and **averaged 370 minutes per student of reading**. In addition, students had **88% attendance** and **incurred 0 discipline issues**. Families benefited from students receiving **free breakfast, lunch and weekend meals** and over **1,200 books** were distributed for at-home libraries. Some of the greatest impact was less quantifiable that included students' excitement for learning, exposure to new adventure, and pride in their accomplishments.

We are thrilled to once again partner with the YReaders program! This collaboration continues to have a powerful and positive impact on our scholars at Oak View Elementary by helping them build strong literacy skills, boosting their confidence, and fostering a love for reading. Together, we're making a lasting difference in the lives of our young scholars.

-Bennie Bradley
Oak View Elementary Principal

BECOME A YReaders Program SPONSOR



The seed money for the Summer 2025 YReaders Program was provided through grants from The Foundation for a Healthy High Point and the High Point Community Foundation. Through the selection by Oak View Elementary and Fairview Elementary staff, 60 students will be identified and participate starting in July. Contributions are still needed to fully fund the program. Sponsors are needed for the below impactful opportunities that are instrumental to the success of the program.

Sponsors could include companies, civic clubs, fraternal organizations, churches, professional organizations, families, foundations, and more. Each level is \$1,000 and is tax-deductible. All sponsors will be recognized on the back of the students' t-shirts. Additionally, all sponsors will receive recognition on YReaders banners at the Hartley and Chavis Ys during the program, recognition at the graduation ceremony, and name/logo on the website and YReaders printed materials including a monthly membership newsletter.

Backpack Sponsor

Students will get off to a strong start in summer learning with a backpack filled with school supplies to utilize for their at-home learning.

T-Shirt Sponsor

Participants will receive a YReaders t-shirt with sponsors on the back. T-Shirts will be worn on field trips across the community.

Swim Sponsor

A swim bag, swimsuit, and towel will be provided for each participant. Each child will participate in weekly swim classes.

Graduation Sponsor

A year-end graduation will take place with participants receiving a success medal & certificate. Parents, community leaders, school staff, and board members will be in attendance to celebrate.

Field Trip Sponsor

Each week, students travel across the city to explore exciting new experiences. The Field Trip Sponsor helps make these enriching opportunities possible for our scholars.

Success-at-Home Sponsor

We will ensure kids & parents have resources to support their success in YReaders. A library of books, writing & enrichment activities will provide resources and training for parents.

For more information, contact medwards@hpymca.org or at hpymca.org/yreaders.