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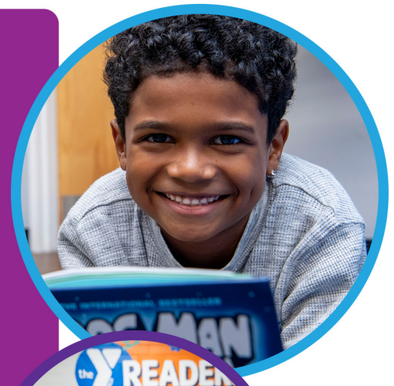
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Y Readers 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. The YMCA of High Point introduced the Y Readers Program in 2024, serving 13 students from Oak View Elementary. During the summer of 2026, the program grew to 73 students.



The programs took place at the Hartley Drive YMCA Learning Center and a hybrid location consisting of Fairview Elementary and the Carl Chavis YMCA, held Monday through Thursday for five weeks beginning July 6th. Each day included three hours of literacy instruction tailored to students' individual needs, followed by four hours of afternoon enrichment activities, including swimming, art, field trips, character education, and STEM. In 2026, the afternoon program was extended to better meet the needs of working families, and parents were also given the option to enroll their children in a Friday Camp Enrichment Program, providing additional opportunities for learning, exploration, and fun. Additional family support included free breakfast and lunch, weekend meals through the backpack program, a family home library for students and siblings, complimentary YMCA Family Memberships, eight free swim lessons, and reading success tips for parents.



This year's program was directed by Stephanie Vega and Dr. Mary Quinn, supported by certified teachers for morning education and certified teachers as the afternoon enrichment counselors.

COMPONENTS









THE NEED

The 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.

Guilford County Schools Superintendent Whitney Oakley says, "I think, the school system very much values community partnerships. We can't do this work alone. When we have programs like Y Readers that stand for partnership and literacy, it just sets our students up to be successful and makes our community stronger as a whole."



BY THE NUMBERS

Summer 2026

2 Sites: Hartley YMCA Learning Center and Fairview Elementary/Chavis YMCA

2 Schools: Oak View Elementary School & Fairview Elementary School

73 Rising 1st- 3rd Grade Students

1,500 Books distributed for home libraries

Free Breakfast, Lunch & Weekend Meals Provided

Curriculum based on Science of Reading Principles



2026 Outcomes

2.5 Months of Reading Growth in 5-week program

x2 2nd Grade Students more than doubled their writing output

83% Attendance

0 Discipline Issues

519 Minutes per student reading during the duration of the program

100% of Staff & Parents want to return next year

Aspirations for the Future

3 Sites serving over **100** students, including expanding to Randolph county in the the Carl & Linda Grubb YMCA service area

Provide bus transportation to/from Y Readers

Expand the partnership with Guilford County Schools to strengthen data sharing, better track student progress, and use academic insights to enhance program effectiveness

Expand funding sources & individual donations



