



Little Village READS

Little Village READS is a literacy initiative that opened at the Erie House Little Village site in 2013. The READS program partners with local elementary schools to provide early intervention for 1st through 3rd grade students who are in need of extra support outside the classroom. At READS students have the chance to work with volunteer tutors twice a week to improve their fluency, comprehension and overall reading skills. Tutors engage the students with exciting, interactive games geared at building sight word recognition and encouraging interactive reading. Our primary goal is to make literacy learning fun and to promote a lifelong love for reading!

Summer is traditionally a time when reading scores dip. To counteract this trend Little Village READS provides extended learning opportunities for students. Our literacy based summer day camp provides a time for students to be creative and active as well as maintain reading gains that the students achieved throughout the school year.

Our local and city-wide partnerships are an integral part of Little Village READS. The program utilizes parent and community volunteers to create a solid network of support for the students. From donations of books, snacks, and computer software to the time spent by tutors and pick up volunteers each and every contribution empowers students for a life of reading.

