



**A COMMUNITY CHALLENGE  
TO IMPROVE LITERACY**

A collaboration of  
Participating School Districts,  
Cedar Rapids, Ely, Fairfax, Hiawatha, Marion,  
and Swisher Public Libraries

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024**

Cedar Rapids Community  
College Community  
Linn-Mar Community

**Please join the AMERICA READS: Reading is Contagious  
celebration in our community schools**

- ❖ **Community members share their joy of reading annually to over 16,000 elementary students, preschool through grade 5**
- ❖ **A visit takes about 30 minutes, including time to select, review and read the book**
- ❖ **Books may be provided by the school library, or readers may bring a favorite story to share**
- ❖ **Sign up by October 10 to allow adequate scheduling time for participating schools**
- ❖ **A confirmation verifying school, day, time and audience will be sent to you prior to the event**

**Sign up link available September 10 - October 10  
on the Cedar Rapids Community School District  
Web site [crschools.us](http://crschools.us) - click on "About" & "Volunteer"  
or call 319-558-2001 ext. 78200 for assistance**

**AMERICA READS:  
Reading is Contagious invites:  
community & business representatives, parents, family members,  
and young adults to visit a local elementary school to share a story  
with children.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**