



**A COMMUNITY CHALLENGE
TO IMPROVE LITERACY
IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN**

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

Marion Independent
Xavier Catholic

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

Cedar Rapids Community
College Community
Linn-Mar Community

Please join the AMERICA READS: *Reading is Contagious* celebration in our 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 14** 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.

To sign up to read at Prairie Schools, please contact your child's teacher or
College Community District Volunteer Coordinator Ali Alldredge at
alialldredge@crprairie.org or 319-848-5224

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.

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