

Reading Together Literacy Internship

Position Description:

Proficiency in reading by the end of third grade enables students to shift from learning to read to reading to learn. Those children who are not proficient readers by 4th grade are more likely to struggle academically and are at significantly greater risk of dropping out of school.

In **Worcester's public schools, fewer than half of third-graders read at grade level** according to statewide testing. With financial support from the AbbVie Foundation, the [Worcester Education Collaborative](#) (WEC) is responding to this crisis with a targeted literacy initiative: ***Reading Together***.

WEC takes a unique, multi-pronged approach to promoting family literacy by partnering with Worcester Public Schools to run our Reading Together program in seven high needs elementary schools. At each school, the Reading Together program:

- Invites parents and caregivers to join students in the classroom four times each year for engaging reading sessions and literacy activities led by WEC Reading Assistants, helping make reading a family event that is fun for everyone
- Providing all K-3 students in these classrooms with their own copies of high-quality, high-interest books as well as with tools for their parents and caregivers to support them as they learn to read at home

WEC seeks a Literacy Intern for our 2022-2023 Reading Together Program to work with WEC's Senior Deputy Director to coordinate and manage activities and logistics for the Reading Together Program, including but not limited to:

- Reviewing and revising literacy activities for book selections as necessary
- Coordinating and maintaining Reading Together schedule for K-3rd grade classrooms at 7 elementary schools in WPS.
- Preparing communications for students and their families
- Supporting administration of program assessment and generating end of term reports on program outcomes
- Marketing and promotion of the Reading Together program and early literacy
- Copying and preparing literacy packets for distribution and organizing and packing classroom book sets

WEC seeks candidates who are:

- Experienced with and/or interest in K-3 education and literacy
- Eager to advance educational excellence and equity
- Detail-oriented with strong organizational skills
- Effective time managers and communicators
- Flexible, eager learners

Hours & Benefits:

10 hours/week paid at a rate of \$15/hour

Flexible work environment