



Reading Is Contagious

**A NATIONAL 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,
Grant Wood AEA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

Linn-Mar Community
Marion Independent
Xavier Catholic

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018

Cedar Rapids Community
College Community

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

- ❖ Last year, more than 2,000 community members shared their joy of reading with over 17,000 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 19** 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, go to the Cedar Rapids Community School District
Web site www.cr.k12.ia.us or call 319-558-2124**

AMERICA READS:

Reading is Contagious invites

- ✓ parents, other family members
 - ✓ young adults
 - ✓ community citizens
- ✓ business representatives

to visit a local elementary school to share a story with a classroom of children.

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