



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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014**

Linn-Mar Community  
Marion Independent  
Metro Catholic  
Summit Schools

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014**

Cedar Rapids Community  
College Community

**A collaboration of**

Participating School Districts, Friends of the CR Library,  
CR Public Library, Ely Public Library, Fairfax Public Library,  
Hiawatha Public Library, Marion Public Library, Grant Wood AEA

**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.

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

- ❖ Last year, more than 2,400 community members shared their joy of reading with over 16,500 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 1** 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 Schools Web site [www.cr.k12.ia.us](http://www.cr.k12.ia.us)  
click on “**volunteer**” then “**volunteer opportunities**”  
for an electronic registration form or call 558-2124**

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