

## Overview

**313Reads** is a citywide initiative to support children's language and literacy skills so that all students are reading at grade level by the end of third grade. Working together, **313Reads** partners support third grade reading skills by identifying and sharing powerful solutions that develop children's abilities in language and literacy. **313Reads** is part of the National Campaign for Grade Level Reading with Brilliant Detroit and United Way of Southeastern Michigan as its backbone.



## Why Third Grade Reading Matters

When children are reading at grade level by third grade, they are considered educationally ready to advance to fourth grade. By the fourth grade, children are reading to learn. Reading proficiency is one of the most important predictors of health outcomes, high school graduation and career success. In 2019, 15.7% of Detroit's students were reading at grade level by the end of third grade.



## Who We Are

**313Reads** partners come from different fields, experiences and walks of life. They include nonprofits, caregivers, service organizations, grassroots organizations and philanthropies. Partners share the vision and mission of **313Reads** and agree to work together to improve outcomes, informed by data and evidence.



## How We Work

Members meet regularly and share individual efforts with the bigger group, participate in ongoing collective activities, and identify what's working and how to spread those solutions. **313Reads** focuses on three specific aspects of third grade reading: attendance, early literacy and summer learning. Each of these aspects has a dedicated working group that meets to share leading practices and data toward specific goals. We also provide learning opportunities to our partners and our communities.

- **Attendance table** – focuses on how to improve regular school attendance in early childhood
- **Early literacy table** – ensures children are on-track with language and literacy to be proficient by third grade
- **Summer learning table** – builds opportunities for summer learning enrichment and to prevent summer reading loss



## Early Results

**313Reads** partnered with The Skillman Foundation to support summer learning experiences for youth in Detroit. This effort was in partnership with the city of Detroit, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Wayne State University, Youth Development Resource Center and literacy providers. Over 1,400 Detroit students from kindergarten through fifth grade were provided literacy support and enrichment activities as part of a citywide effort to reduce summer reading loss in 2018 and 2019. This effort resulted in an average of 80% of students showing no summer reading loss.



## Connect with Us

There are many ways to be a part of this work.

Contact John Portacio

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to learn about how you and your organization can be part of this effort.



## Join 313Reads – How You Can Help

- Join a table - attendance, early literacy, summer learning
- Invest in the collective effort
- Contribute data and leading practices
- Communicate the importance of third grade reading
- Advocate and champion **313Reads**
- Follow us on Twitter and Facebook @313Reads



## Partners

- 826Michigan
- ACCESS
- Attendance Works
- Black Family Development
- Brainiacs Clubhouse
- Brightmoor Alliance
- Brilliant Detroit
- Center Detroit Christian
- Center for Success
- Community Education Commission
- Congress of Communities
- Detroit 90/90
- Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation
- Detroit Parent Network
- Detroit Parks and Recreation
- Detroit Public Libraries
- Detroit Public Schools
- Developing K.I.D.S.
- Grand Valley State University
- Great Start Collaborative Wayne County
- Michigan State University
- Say and Play
- Soar Detroit
- Starfish Family Services
- The Skillman Foundation
- United Way for Southeastern Michigan
- University of Michigan
- Urban Neighborhood Initiative
- Wayne Metro Community Alliance Action Agency
- Wayne State University College of Education
- Wellspring
- Youth Development Resource Center

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for a membership information packet.