



**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 17, 2024

Marion Independent
Xavier Catholic

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

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 10** 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.

**Sign up link available September 10 - October 10
on the Cedar Rapids Community School District
Web site crschools.us - click on "About" & "Volunteer"
or call 319-558-2001 ext. 78200 for assistance**

**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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!