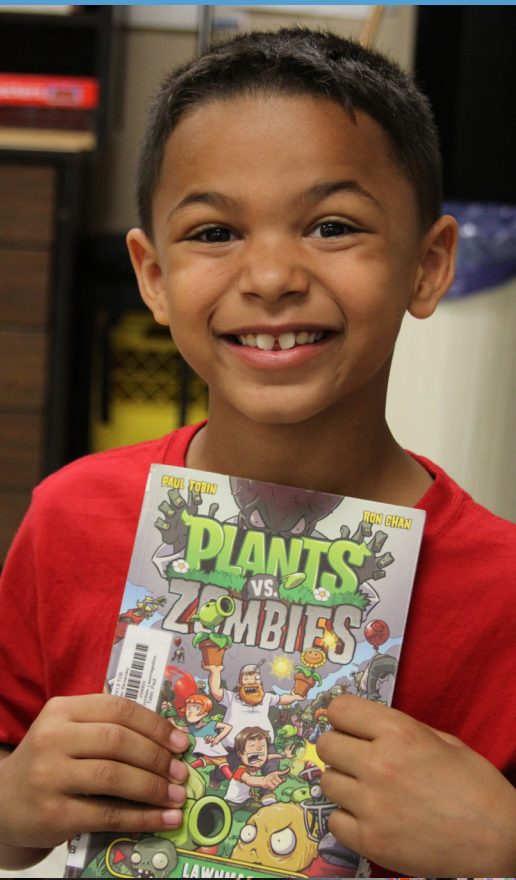




United Way
of East Central Iowa

VOLUNTEERS IN PROFICIENCY (VIP)



Our goal is to use the power of local volunteers to help students achieve success in reading. To reach this goal, the VIP program encourages working professionals in the Cedar Rapids area to provide reading mentorship to struggling students during their work day. Volunteers meet with two elementary students once per week for a total of 40 minutes during a fall or spring 12-week session.

Giving Back One Student at a Time

“VIP gives students a person who can devote attention to them and help **BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE**. One on one time is valuable to students’ success.”
—Teacher at VIP school

“I really enjoy the interactions with the students and feeling like **I AM CONTRIBUTING TO THE SCHOOL** and our community.” —VIP Volunteer

Helping Local Students Succeed



VIP students improved their reading growth
6 POINTS MORE THAN THEIR PEERS.

25% OF VIP STUDENTS CLOSED THE GAP from not-proficient to proficient in reading compared to 2% of their peers.



88 VOLUNTEERS spent
650+ HOURS with students

VIP Volunteers are in
10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
in two school districts



**CEDAR RAPIDS COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT (CRCSD)**
Arthur Elementary
Garfield Elementary
Grant Elementary
Harrison Elementary
Kenwood Leadership Academy
Taylor Elementary
Wright Elementary

**COLLEGE COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT (CCSD)**
Prairie Crest Elementary
Prairie Heights Elementary
Prairie Hill Elementary

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