



VOLUNTEERS IN PROFICIENCY (VIP)

Fighting for Our Young Readers

VIP uses the power of local volunteers to help students achieve success in reading. VIP encourages professionals in the Cedar Rapids area to provide reading mentorship to struggling students during their work day. Volunteers meet with two students once per week for a total of 40 minutes during a fall or spring 12-week session.

Last Year



VIP students **IMPROVED** their reading scores by **52 POINTS**. 14 points more than their peers.



31% OF VIP STUDENTS closed the gap from not-proficient to proficient in reading compared to **26% OF THEIR PEERS**.



100% OF VIP STUDENTS and their peers *maintained reading proficiency* **FROM FALL TO SPRING**.



38 VOLUNTEERS spent **564 HOURS** with students.



VIP volunteers are in **7 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS** in two school districts.

CEDAR RAPIDS

Garfield Elementary
Grant Elementary
Harrison Elementary
Kenwood Leadership Academy
Taylor Elementary

COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Prairie Crest Elementary
Prairie Hill Elementary

“It was a pleasure to see students get excited to read to me and **GRATIFYING TO SEE STUDENTS IMPROVE** their fluency over several visits.”

–2019 VIP Volunteer

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