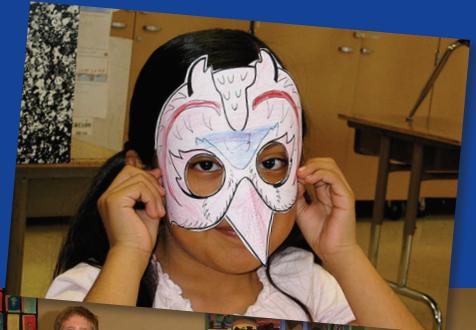


# What We Do ...

On the second Saturday of every month, **Reading to Kids** brings together volunteers from throughout Los Angeles to participate in our monthly reading clubs. Volunteers gather at our partner elementary schools to read aloud to children, help create a craft project, and give every child a free book! The books that are read at each reading club are donated to the school libraries.



El segundo sábado de cada mes, **Reading to Kids** junta a voluntarios de todo Los Angeles. Los voluntarios se reúnen en las escuelas para leer en voz alta a los niños, ayudar a crear proyectos de arte, y regalar un libro a cada niño para llevar a casa. Los libros leídos en las escuelas son donados a las bibliotecas escolares.



# Make contact

**Reading to Kids** partners with elementary schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District. These schools are located in low-income neighborhoods where the majority of students are English language learners.



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# Who We Are ...

## Our Mission

**Reading to Kids** is a grassroots organization dedicated to inspiring underserved children with a love of reading, thereby enriching their lives and opportunities for future success.

## History

**Reading to Kids** began in 1999 with a small group of volunteers, teachers, and administrators at Gratts Elementary School who designed an interactive and fun program that emphasized learning and reading. The first reading club at Gratts involved just twenty children and eight volunteers. Since its inception, **Reading to Kids** has expanded to eight Los Angeles area elementary schools, and more than 22,166 different volunteers have donated their time on reading club Saturdays. We have donated more than 32,800 hardcover books to our partner schools' libraries, and we have given away more than 228,000 prize books to children, parents, and teachers.

## Nuestra Misión

**Reading to Kids** es una organización sin beneficio dedicada a inspirar a niños con el amor de lectura. Nuestra meta principal es mejorar la lectura y el aprendizaje de habilidades de los niños de escuelas primarias, facilitándoles con los fundamentos para un futuro más brillante y exitoso.

## Historia

**Reading to Kids** comenzó en 1999 con un pequeño grupo de voluntarios, profesores, y administradores de Gratts la Escuela Primaria que diseñó un programa interactivo y divertido que hizo hincapié en el aprendizaje y la lectura. El primer club de lectura en Gratts involucró solamente veinte niños y ocho voluntarios. Desde su creación, **Reading to Kids** se ha ampliado a ocho escuelas primarias de Los Angeles, y mas de 22.166 diferentes voluntarios han donado su tiempo a los clubs de lectura. Hemos donado más de 32.800 libros de tapa dura a las bibliotecas de nuestras escuelas asociadas, y nos han regalado más de 228.000 libros de premio a los niños, padres y profesores.

# Parents & Kids

## Something for everyone

- Children hear a great story and create an arts and crafts project
- Every child receives a free book to take home
- Reading clubs are educational, fun, and FREE
- Siempre el segundo sábado de cada mes
- Niños escuchan cuentos estupendos y crean proyectos de arte
- Cada niño/a recibe un libro gratis para llevar a casa
- ¡Reading clubs son educativos, divertidos y GRATIS!

## Optional Parent Training

Parents are invited to attend **Parent Training Workshops** from 10am to 11:15am. These workshops are designed to help parents encourage reading and learning at home. **All attending parents also receive a free book.**

## Clases para Padres son voluntarias

Padres son invitados asistir a las **clases para Padres** de 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Las clases se enfocan en como los padres pueden vivificar la lectura y la educación en el hogar. **Cada parent que asiste recibe un libro GRATIS para llevar a casa.**

*“My daughter needed help with her reading. Coming to Reading to Kids motivates her. She comes home with different books and talks about what she reads.”*

*~ Julio Rodas (parent)*

*“Mi hija necesitaba ayuda con su lectura. Venir a Reading to Kids la motiva a leer. Llega a la casa con diferentes libros y nos platica acerca de lo que lee.”*

*~ Julio Rodas (padre)*

*“Reading to Kids really inspired me to read. At first I thought it would be boring, but when I left I wanted to read.”*

*~ 5th grade student*

*“Reading to Kids realmente me inspiró a leer. Al principio pensé que iba a ser aburrido, pero cuando me iba yo quería seguir leyendo.”*

*~ Estudiante de 5º grado*

# Volunteers

## It's easy to volunteer

- Second Saturday of every month
- Training provided that day
- No long-term commitment
- Books, crafts, and kids provided
- Choose which grade to read to

## Registering online is simple

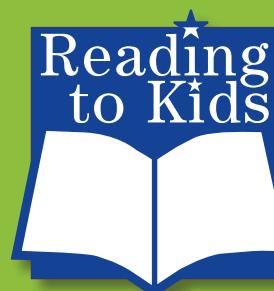
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## It's fun & social

After each reading club, volunteers from all participating schools gather at a local restaurant, El Cholo on Western, for free appetizers and an opportunity to meet other volunteers.

*“I've learned a lot about the makeup of the LA community as a volunteer for Reading to Kids. These kids are great, and it's fun to see them light up over a book or craft project.”*

*~ Lizanne Webb*



*I like reading to kids because they give us free book to read. And because I love reading.*

# School Personnel

Reading to Kids works closely with principals, teachers, and administrators at our partner schools to ensure the monthly reading clubs run smoothly and that they engage students in a fun and meaningful way.

As a thank you to teachers who volunteer their Saturday mornings with us, each receives five paperback books to help them grow their classroom libraries. Interested teachers should contact their principal or **Reading to Kids** liaison for more information.

*“On Reading to Kids Saturdays there is a near-festive atmosphere at school. The children come on a Saturday because they want to be here. They eagerly await the moment when the volunteers emerge from the auditorium to take them to the classrooms and read the book for the day.”*

*~ Phil Hughes  
3rd grade teacher, Magnolia Elementary School*

*“Leo Politi made the greatest API gains of any school in the area – 53 points, from 698 to 751! Reading to Kids should sincerely participate in this feeling of pride, as our monthly events have helped us raise achievement in language arts. I hope you will share the good news with the Reading to Kids community.”*

*~ Brad Rumble  
Principal, Leo Politi Elementary School*



## How You Can Help . . .

Every donation, no matter the size, helps support our monthly reading clubs, which bring together volunteers, parents, teachers, and administrators who enrich the lives of children with a love of reading.

## Donate!

- Donate old computers, laptops, and monitors – these items are refurbished and given to the children at the schools
- Donate new/gently used books
- Donate office & craft supplies
- Donate services: printing, food/catering, entertainment
- Donate money: just \$18 buys books for 15 kids
- Donations are tax deductible

To donate with a credit card, please go to our website [www.readingtakids.org](http://www.readingtakids.org) and click on the **Make a Donation** link.

Checks can be made payable to:  
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## Tell your friends!