

New Mexico Literacy Institute Summer Reading Program Program Overview

Introduction and Objectives

Beginning this year, the State of New Mexico is establishing the New Mexico Literacy Institute's Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program is a literacy instruction and intervention program that will support 10,000 New Mexico students from incoming kindergarteners through outgoing eighth graders. The Summer Reading Program objectives are the following:

- Improve literacy outcomes for all students participating in this program.
- Measure reading progress of students during and upon completion of this program.
- Build confidence and competence in literacy skills that will support students' academic achievement.

The Summer Reading Program is a **free** program for New Mexico students funded by the State of New Mexico.

Program Partner Site Information

The State of New Mexico seeks to partner with educational institutions and community organizations in New Mexico to plan and conduct the Summer Reading Program.

Program partners will:

- Provide classroom spaces for four-hour instruction during a four-to-six-week duration.
- Promote the Summer Reading Program to students, families, and local communities.
- Provide student transportation, if necessary.
- Provide meals and snacks, if necessary.

The State will provide:

- Public outreach campaign for the recruitment of literacy instructors and student participants.
- Oversee student registration for the Summer Reading Program.
- Manage hiring, onboarding, and payment of literacy instructors.
- Establish Summer Reading Program sites throughout New Mexico in partnership with schools and community organizations.

Instructor Information

The Summer Reading Program is an opportunity for literacy instructors—current or retired

educators, faculty, or pre-service educators—to contribute to New Mexico student literacy improvements. Literacy instructors:

- Do not need to be licensed teachers. All literacy instructors will receive training prior to the start of the program as well as ongoing support by literacy experts.
- Must be available for literacy training at the end of May or the first part of June.
- Must be able to work a minimum of 25 hours per week.
- Will be compensated at a rate of \$35/hour.
- Can potentially continue working as a literacy instructor through the school year.

Forms and More Information

Click the following links to participate in the Summer Reading Program as a host site or literacy instructor or register your child(ren).

- [Organization Interest Form](#)
- [Instructor Application Form](#)
- [Student Registration Form](#)

For more information, please visit the [New Mexico Literacy Institute's Summer Reading Program's website](#) or contact Michelle Korbakes from the New Mexico Public Education Department at michelle.korbakes@ped.nm.gov or (575) 491-5773.