

Get Involved: Volunteer!



Support struggling readers! Support our schools! Support our communities!



Become a *Language Links* Tutor

SLD Read has been helping children all over West Michigan who are at-risk for reading failure since 1974 and **we want you!**

Become a volunteer tutor and provide individualized, one-to-one multisensory instruction in reading, writing and spelling for at-risk readers in 1st through 3rd grades through our *Language Links* program.

Language Links is a pro-bono, school based program which provides two hours per week of individual, specialized instruction to underserved children who are significantly below grade level in reading and spelling but do not receive Special Education services in either area.

There is no charge for tutoring or assessment to either the parents or the school and all tutoring is done during the school day.

Language Links Programs

- Grand Rapids Public Schools
- Kalamazoo Public Schools
- Portage Public Schools
- Wyoming Public Schools
- *Beginning Winter 2014*: Big Rapids Public Schools

" I believe this program is one of the most rewarding and meaningful volunteer programs in existence "
- a *Language Links* Tutor

All new tutors must complete the SLD Read interview process and attend our 32-hour Phonics Fundamentals© for Tutors training. All new tutors also receive a 1:1 internship with an experienced SLD Read Tutor as well as ongoing support and trainings and support from staff and trainers. There is no fee for SLD Read trainings for SLD Read tutors.

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Our mission is threefold:

- we **help individuals** with dyslexia, learning differences, and other reading challenges to develop lifelong language skills through our multisensory program
- we **assist educators** to identify learning challenges and provide training and techniques to enhance their reading curriculum
- we **increase community awareness** and understanding of literacy issues

