



2024-25

# Annual Report



Strengthening  
community  
through literacy



# Highlights of Work

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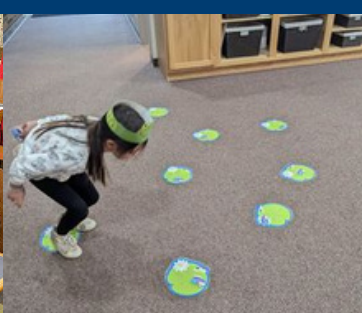
Students

8,865

Hours

13

Counties





**275  
Assessments  
Completed**

## **Sliding Scale Contract**

116 students throughout West Michigan received over 4,800 hours of 1:1, individualized tutoring services. Fees are based on a sliding scale, considering the family size and income. Scholarships are also available to families who qualify. Grade level of students ranged from K to 12th grade.



## **Site-Based Intervention**

98 students, grades k-5, received nearly 3,900 hours of 1:1, individualized intervention services at a community site throughout southwest and West Michigan. There is no cost to families for site-based tutoring.

**60+  
Tutors**

11 Kalamazoo County students attended the summer literacy program held at SLD Read's Kalamazoo office. Middle School students met 3 days a week for 6 weeks during the summer to prepare for middle or high school. Students received over 70 hours of instruction.



**5  
Staff**

**Kalamazoo County – 59 students  
Kent County – 24 students  
Calhoun County – 26 students**

# Trainings and Workshops



37

Trained educators in SLD Read Fundamentals for Educators Phonics Fundamental curriculum

11

Trained New Tutors in Phonics Fundamentals for Tutor in reading, writing, and spelling skills



1:1

Kalamazoo Public Schools Special Education teachers at 3 middle schools also received 1:1 coaching supports as they implemented structured literacy into their classrooms

## Rules & Tools:

Supporting Struggling Readers– A training designed to support paraprofessionals, other tutors, parents in the community members with the skills of structured literacy kicked off in 2023. SLD Read staff trained 8 people in Kalamazoo County.

## Engage the Brain:

Multisensory– Provided the 1.5–hour virtual training around multi–sensory activities that support reading families and early childhood professionals across Southwest Michigan.

## Assistive Technology:

Partnered with Michigan Disability Rights Coalition to present information to educators and families on how assistive technology can support people with learning disabilities in and out of the classroom.

# Community Engagement



SLD Read staff presented on our work/mission, learning disabilities, dyslexia and reducing stigma associated with disability to community organizations throughout the fiscal year. SLD Read staff and volunteers participated in community events throughout the year, including documentary “The Right to Read” in Kalamazoo. In October 2024, SLD Read hosted over 100 students, their families, tutors, and community members in celebrating 50 years of SLD Read at the first annual Literacy A-Listers event in Kalamazoo.

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