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Thank you for a great year

We have officially closed out the 2016-17 school year and it was a great success! More than 200 amazing volunteers provided 5,794 hours of tutoring to 215 students across our six school sites. We are grateful to our school partners, especially the dedicated teachers and literacy facilitators who worked closely with our program staff to ensure that every child received the differentiated support they needed to become independent, confident readers.

Of course the heart of our program is our diligent volunteer reading partners. We were especially excited to launch new community partnerships with the United Way of Central Carolinas, SHARE Charlotte, Queens University, and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department to strengthen and expand our pool of volunteers. We are also grateful to the host of individuals, foundations, and corporations that invested their funds and other resources to enable us to serve the Charlotte community. Thank you all and we look forward to your continued support for the upcoming school year!

SummerSHARE and the Charlotte Kinghts



Reading Partners was delighted to participate in SummerSHARE 2017 and the Charlotte Knights Community Corner program. SummerSHARE is a giving campaign sponsored by local nonprofit, Share Charlotte. The initiative encourages donations to community organizations during the summer months - a time during which charitable giving typically decreases. As part of SummerSHARE, Reading Partners was one of five nonprofits featured in the Charlotte Knights Community Corner program during their July 16 game. Participating organizations hosted tables at the ballpark and promoted their programs. Knights' fans were also encouraged to bring new and gently used books to donate. This was an excellent opportunity for Reading Partners to tell our story, solicit support, and recruit new volunteers to help us empower children to become motivated, proficient readers. Kudos to the Charlotte Knights and Share Charlotte for creating this forum to showcase the important work nonprofits are doing in our community.

Want to help? Visit the Share Charlotte [Give Shop](#) to view the Reading Partners wish list and purchase much needed books and supplies for our reading centers. All donations will be shipped directly to us. Please contact our development manager, Jenene Seymour, at jenene.seymour@readingpartners.org if you have questions.

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Reading Partners' ultimate summer



reading list for tutors

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