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Together, We Will Get Things Done for Charlotte

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Welcoming our new AmeriCorps members

Our Charlotte team is delighted to welcome nine new AmeriCorps members for the 2017-18 school year. The group has spent the last several weeks participating in a comprehensive orientation program where they have learned the skills they will need to successfully fulfill their roles as site coordinators, literacy leads, and volunteer coordinators. In addition to training, orientation provides AmeriCorps members the opportunity for team building and to learn more about Charlotte's literacy challenge and the community partners that are working together to address it.

Gia Paige volunteered at our Oakdale Elementary reading center last year and will serve as a Reading Partners AmeriCorps site coordinator this school year. "As a tutor I received so much gratification that I wanted to continue to serve in an even more meaningful way," she says. "I love to read and I love books. I wanted to help provide a safe, nurturing space for children who struggle to receive the resources they need to become proficient, avid readers."

Every year, over 80,000 AmeriCorps members commit to serve year-long terms of intensive community service with government agencies, schools, and nonprofits like Reading Partners. Our AmeriCorps members are the trusted faces, as well as behind-the-scene operators of our reading centers.

"We're excited to welcome our new AmeriCorps members to the Charlotte team," says Executive Director Sharon Harrington. "They are passionate about our mission and will do an awesome job as we expand to serve even more children in the region this year."



Reading center supply and book drive

In addition to dedicated volunteers, our students' success depends on adequate reading center supplies and age-and skill-appropriate books. Help us start the school year strong by purchasing essential supplies from the Reading Partners Charlotte [Amazon Wish List](#).

Our list includes basic school items, as well as an array of engaging, culturally-diverse books that will be given to our children to build their home libraries. Donated items will be shipped directly to us and distributed to our reading centers. Please contact our development manager, Jenene Seymour, at jenene.seymour@readingpartners.org if you have questions and be sure to share this opportunity with your coworkers, friends and family!

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