See our new mural celebrating the joy of reading!



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Take a behind-the-scenes look at the making of our new community mural!

We have big news to share: Our brand-new <u>community mural</u> celebrating the joy of reading is now complete!

We hope you and your family will stop by the Morris Costumes building on Monroe Road to check out the mural, which was inspired by third grade students at the nearby Oakhurst STEAM Academy. The students worked with their art teacher, Justin Earp, to dream up illustrations of what reading looks like through their eyes. Muralist Scott Nurkin of The Mural Shop visited the school in the fall to kick off the project, and to share with the students about his creative process and work.

This project is part of our effort to spread the <u>Read Together</u> message far and wide, and we're thrilled to have it live on in our community for years to come. We hope you love it as much as we do!

Share your photos with #ReadTogetherCLT

Tips and more at ReadTogetherCLT.org



Speaking of reading together: Have you visited ReadTogetherCLT.org for tips on making the practice part of your family's routine? It's a great resource for finding practical ways to make it work for your family, with tips organized by age group, like:

Birth to age 5

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On the move: Know that your child may not want to sit still, but they are still benefitting from you reading.

Kindergarten to third grade

Time: Give your child space to read at their own pace. Give corrections when you see frustration, but allow them time to work through words on their own, even if they make mistakes.

You can also <u>find information</u> on organizations that help make books free and accessible to everyone in our community. A variety of books can help keep your child interested in reading at home, and keep them learning about new topics and interests.

Share your family's Read Together story!



We featured several <u>Charlotte-area families</u> in our Read Together campaign last year, and we're looking for more families to feature in 2024!

We're looking for families to share how they work reading together into their routines, and why the practice is meaningful to them. If you're interested in participating, please reach out to our Communications Manager, Elise, at elise@readcharlotte.org to learn more.







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