

## QCR in the community, our latest Reading Hero, and more!



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### Community organization uses QCR to expand tutoring to kindergarteners



*QCR in use in Ada Jenkins Center's LEARN Works program*

"It works. We see the difference."

After seeing students' progress while piloting Queen City Readers, a tutoring curriculum developed by Read Charlotte in 2023, our partners at Ada Jenkins Center were ready to expand to serve kindergarteners. It was an exciting milestone, as it marked the first time the organization was able to serve that age group.

[Read the blog](#)

### Meet our latest Reading Hero

Meet our latest Reading Hero, Jen Baldassarre!

She shows up as a Reading Hero every day in her work as a teacher's assistant at Pineville Elementary School, her colleagues said.



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"Jen does a word of the day to introduce the students she works with to different and interesting vocabulary," said Brittany Stedman, a third to fifth grade literacy multi-classroom leader at the school. "She constantly finds different ways to engage the students in reading.



Read more about Jen and her work [here!](#)

**Do you know a Reading Hero? Nominate them today!**



As the new year gets under way, we're reflecting on 2024 with gratitude for the partners, funders, and community members who work together tirelessly to improve early literacy in Mecklenburg County. We're excited about the year ahead, and believe now more than ever that change is within our reach.



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