

A community Read Together collaboration



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Read Together Night at Pineville Elementary



A recent family night at Pineville Elementary School focused on the importance of [reading together](#), thanks to a collaborative effort between the school, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, UNC Charlotte Cato College of Education, and Read Charlotte.

UNC Charlotte's Mebane Scholars facilitated Read Together workshops with Pineville families, after receiving training from Charlotte Mecklenburg Library staff, who created and regularly deliver Read Together workshops in our community. The event also included a book giveaway and an opportunity for families to learn more about their local library branch.

We've partnered with Pineville's staff and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to assist with the school's family nights throughout this school year. Our goal is to equip families with information and resources to support students' reading

development at home, highlight the importance of reading together, and support listening comprehension. It's part of our broader work to develop a model of school-level community supports for early literacy.

Celebrating three founding board members



We were honored to celebrate three of Read Charlotte's founding board members this month as they transition off our advisory board.

Katie Morris, Crawford Pounds, and Dena Diorio have served on Read Charlotte's board since its launch in 2015. We are so grateful for their 10 years of service, which helped shape our organization and strengthen the early literacy landscape in our community. The opportunity to recognize their commitment and many contributions made for a truly special moment!

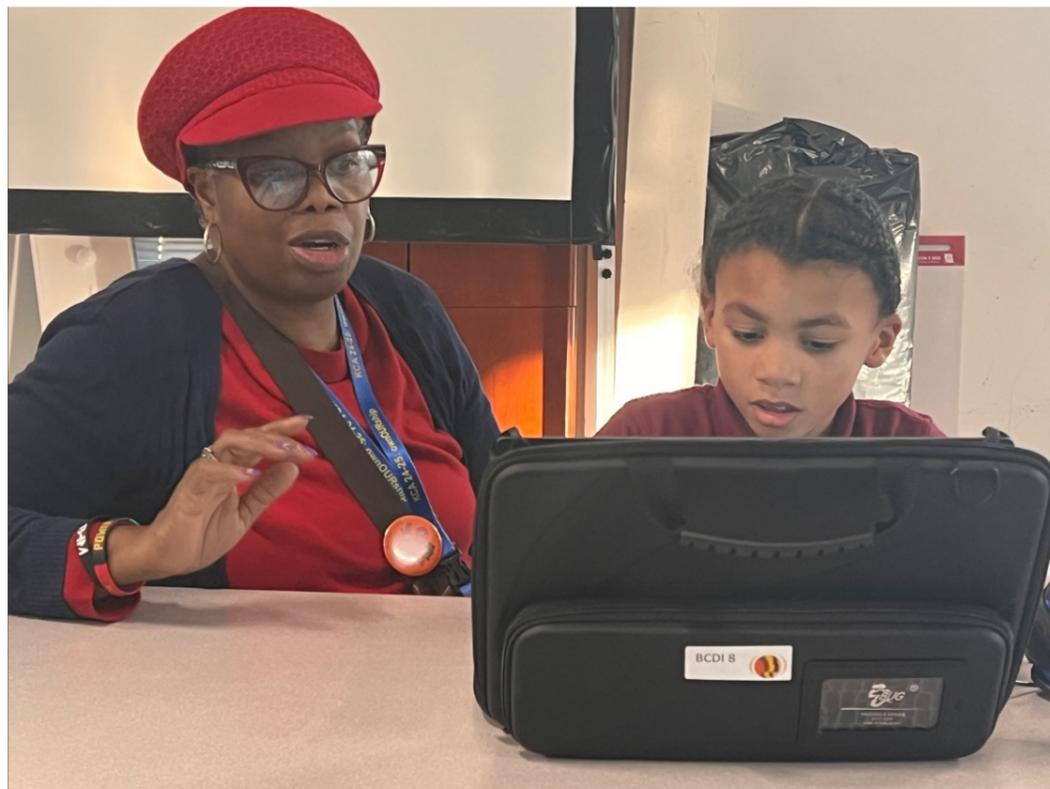
Reading Hero: Perneice Mendez

Meet our latest Reading Hero, Perneice Mendez!

She brings passion and energy to her work as an afterschool site coordinator with Black Child Development Institute – Carolinas, and an unwavering commitment to helping as many children as possible.

"Her commitment to our community ensures that children not only reach their full potential but also discover the simple joy of reading," said Dr. Devonya Govan-Hunt, president of BCDI – Carolinas. "Without champions like Ms. Mendez, many children might never realize the power of their own voices, stories, and dreams."

Read more about Perneice [here!](#)





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