

Rotary Reader

A SCHOOL-BASED READING ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

What is a Rotary Reader?

A **Rotary Reader** is a person willing to make the commitment of approximately forty minutes every other week , one-on-one with a grade school child. Rotary Readers are Rotarians or other interested individuals, recommended but not necessarily affiliated with Rotary. The reader spends one school period reading and playing with a designated student using tools selected by the Rotary Reader Director at the school. In order to maintain continuity and to help alleviate excess time commitment, the program is set up with two readers for one student. Scheduling of the readers time is worked out between the two readers.

Our program is operated in some of the elementary schools in the East Cooper area. These schools are:

Belle Hall

Pinckney

Mamie P. Whitesides

Jennie Moore

Why Rotary?

Rotarians are well suited to this action based program because of their dedication to the ideal of “*Service Above Self.*”

Why Have A Rotary Reader Program ?

Today the drop out rate from school in our nation is alarming. Some conditions that contribute to this problem are:

- * Little one-on-one conversation or communications with children
 - * Less individual time with children because of increased administrative responsibilities and demands upon teachers
 - * Difficulty experienced by children in meeting with adults, unless they are in crisis or have emotional or behavioral problems
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What Type Of Training Is Required?

All readers must participate in an orientation that helps them develop active listening and communication skills. This orientation is quite informal and held at the school where you will participate in the program.

What Does The Reader Do?

You may :

- * read to a child
 - * have a child read to you
 - * talk to a child
 - * listen to a child
 - * play a game
 - * be a friend
 - * all of the above
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Where Does The Reader Read ?

Reading takes place in tutoring rooms, in work rooms, in the hallways outside the classrooms, on the playground, or in the library.

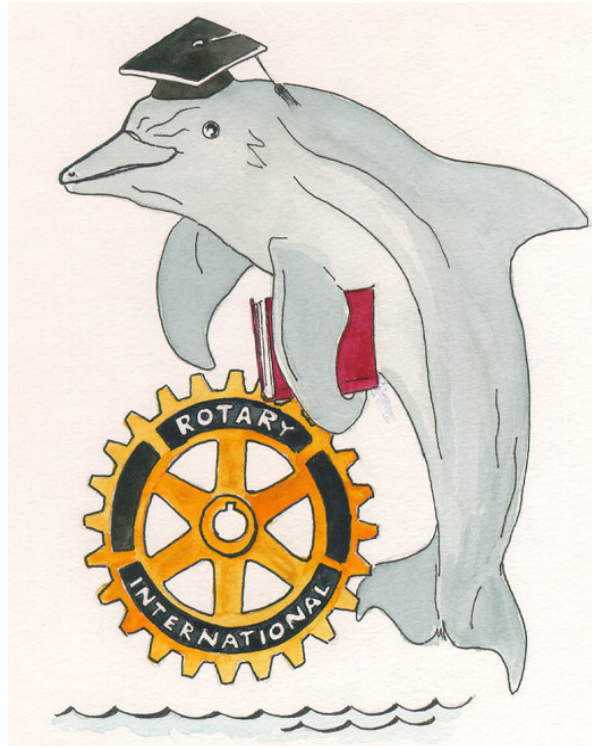
How Long Does The Program Last?

The Rotary Reader Program runs during school hours from October through May. All school holidays are observed. The Rotary Reader Director will help you and your partner arrange for a designated meetingtime with the child .

How Do Rotary Readers Encourage and Support Their Children?

1. By **listening** to children carefully
2. By **giving** children **positive and specific feedback**
3. By **respecting** children's **ideas**
4. By **respecting children** regardless of background or personal characteristics
5. By allowing children to be free to be **inquisitive** and curious
6. By **encouraging** children to have confidence in their abilities
7. By **helping** children **develop skills** which will help them accomplish their task
8. By **honoring** their weekly **commitment** to be with their child

Rotary Reader Needs you Won't You Join Us?



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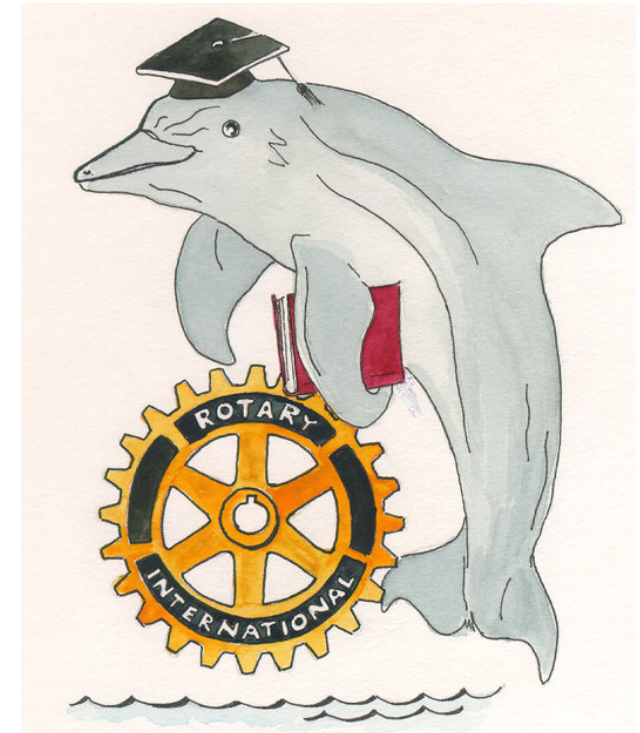
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