



AMERICA READS NEWS & UPDATES



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In celebration of Earth Day, we have included a few of our favorite titles as recommended reads. Enjoy!



Our Planet!
By Stacey McAnulty



We Are Water Protectors
By Carole Lindstrom



Here We Are
By Oliver Jeffers



Next Time You See A Pill Bug
By Emily Morgan

Chances are that just under a nearby rock, you'll spot a roly-poly pill bug.

Encourage a child to take a close look, and introduce a fascinating creature. Gently pick it up and watch as it rolls into a ball and unrolls to take a walk. This cousin to lobsters and crabs sheds its crusty skin and will tickle your hand with its 14 (count 'em!) wiggly legs. Awaken a sense of wonder in a child with the Next Time You See series from NSTA Kids. The books will inspire elementary-age children to experience the enchantment of everyday phenomena, such as pill bugs, fireflies, seashells, and sunsets. Free supplementary activities are available on the NSTA website.



Earth Day
April 22nd, 2025

Celebrate Earth Day

You can celebrate and protect the planet at the same time. Check out these Earth Day ideas to help save the planet any time of year.

- Plant A Tree
- Turn Off the Lights
- Limit Water Usage
- Offer Your Time to Help
- Spread the Message!

Featured Site



Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a challenging, nurturing, and safe environment which enables students to achieve proficient or advanced academic standards and social skills as outlined by the Tennessee State Standards. Cherokee will continue to be active in the community using available resources to gain maximum benefit.

CHEROKEE ELEMENTARY

PRINCIPAL: MR. RICHARD HUTSON

We currently have one America Reads tutor serving the classrooms and students at partner site, Cherokee Elementary School. Our tutor provides small group tutoring that supports general instruction.

SPOTLIGHT TUTOR



NATALIA SHANK

- Site or School Served through America Reads Program - Mountain View Elementary
- Favorite Author - Angie Thomas (The Hate You Give)
- Favorite Reading Quote -
 - "Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them." - Lemony Snicket
- Current Major at East Tennessee State University -Mathematics Education

"I chose to join the America Reads program because I understand what it is like to struggle in English and reading. I wish I had some extra help when I was younger in order to fully understand what was going on. I want to be the extra help for my students and let them know that it is okay to struggle and that they are not alone. Being a part of the America Reads program has allowed me to gain experience in working with younger students and learning about patience. I also get to brush up on common knowledge about reading and realize how important it is to know for everyday life."

- Natalia Shank, America Reads Tutor



FEATURED ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES



TUTOR REMINDERS

- Please remember to submit all timesheets on the due date.
- Check D2L and ETSU email for communication from our office.
- Remember to contact both the school or site you currently serve and our office if absent.
- Remember - Your site supervisor must sign your weekly timesheet before submitting.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT

Concept Maps

A concept map is a visual organizer that can enrich students' understanding of a new concept. Using a graphic organizer, students think about the concept in several ways. Most concept map organizers engage students in answering questions such as, "What is it? What is it like? What are some examples?" Concept maps deepen understanding and comprehension.



RESOURCE FEATURE



[America Reads Tutor Lesson Plan Templates](#)

- Provide an outline for tutor sessions
- Includes example activities by grade level
- Located on the America Reads D2L site

Why Become A Reading Tutor?

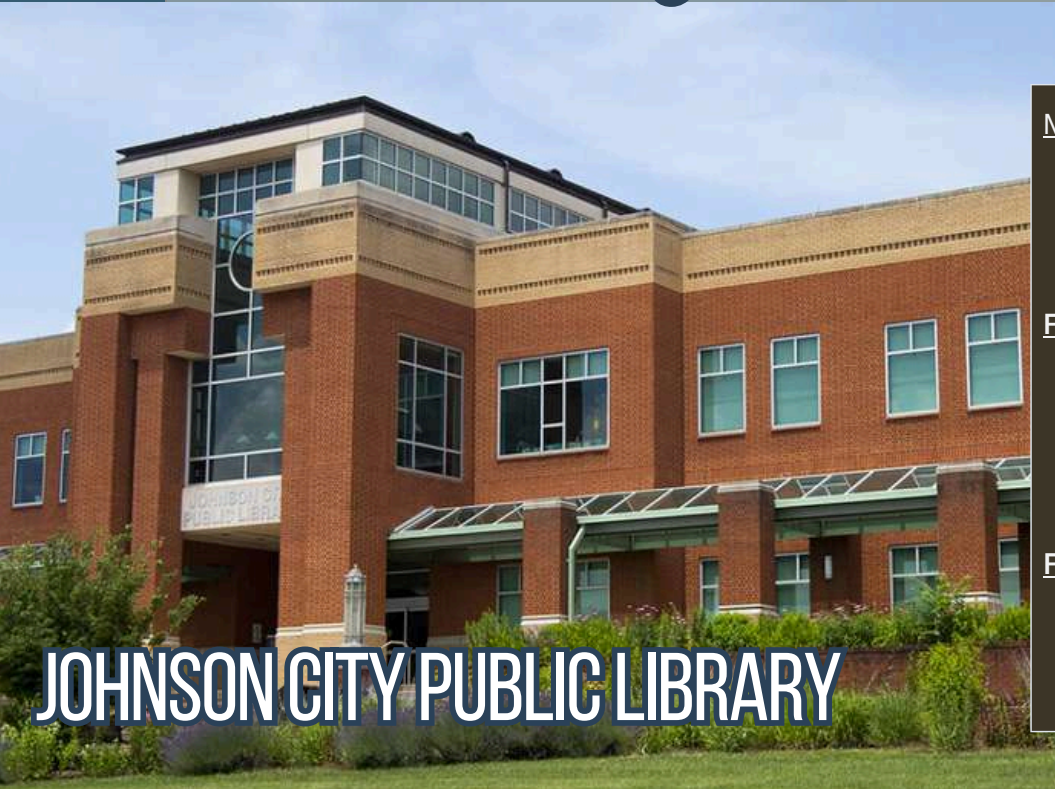
[3 Great Reasons to Become A Reading Tutor!](#)

1. You can make a difference.
2. Enhance communication and leadership skills.
3. Stay current with educational trends and strategies.



The America Reads office is located at 307, Warf-Pickel Hall

Community Events & More



JOHNSON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Middle Grades Graphic Novel Club

- Ages: 8 - 12 years old
- Day: April 21st, 2025
- Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Families Living Greener

- Where: Library's Jones Meeting Center
- Day: April 22nd, 2025
- Time: 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Friends of the Library Book Sale

- Where: 100 West Millard St
- Day: April 26th, 2025
- Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

for more visit: WWW.JCPL.ORG

Girls Who Code

- Where: Computer Lab, Memorial Park Community Center
- Ages: 3rd - 5th Grade
- Day: May 17th
- Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Family Bingo

- Where: Card & Game Room, Memorial Park Community Center
- Ages: All Ages
- Day: May 8th
- Time: 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm



JOHNSON CITY COMMUNITY EVENTS

for more visit: WWW.JOHNSONCITYTN.ORG/#SECTION-CALENDAR

Save the Date



*Office of Educator Preparation
Spring 2025 Pinning Ceremonies*

ETSU SEVIERVILLE COHORT

- MAY 6TH, 2025
- 6:00 PM
- SEVIERVILLE CAMPUS

ETSU MAIN CAMPUS

- MAY 8TH, 2025
- 6:00 PM
- MARTHA STREET AUDITORIUM,
DP CULP STUDENT CENTER

for more visit: WWW.ETSU.EDU/COE

ATTENTION GRADUATING CLEMMER TEACHER CANDIDATES

A Thank You from America Reads

- MAY 5TH, 2025
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- AMERICA READS OFFICE
 - ROOM 307, WARF-PICKEL

IF YOU ARE A GRADUATING RESIDENCY TEACHER,
PLEASE STOP BY OUR OFFICE FOR A SPECIAL GIFT
FROM THE AMERICA READS OFFICE. GRADUATES
WILL RECEIVE A SWEET TREAT AND GIFT BAG!

CAPS OFF TO OUR NEW TEACHERS



MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

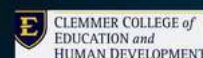
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If you are a graduating Clemmer residency
teacher, stop by for a sweet treat and small gift.



America Reads Office, Room 307
Warf-Pickel Hall

Here's to fresh pages & bright futures!





*Thank
you!*

- Dr. Janna Scarborough
- Dr. Cindy Chambers
- Laura Click
- Ryan Parvin
- Sarah Shanks
- Angela Shelton

And to all others who assisted in the America Reads program so far this year.

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Dates to Remember

5/3 - 5/8

- FINAL EXAMS

Contact Us!

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