



REAL Men Read

Some men play sports, some men cook, but real men READ...to children. Since 2004, REAL Men Read Day has been held every March to support National Reading Month sponsored by the National Education Association. From the time of its inception hundreds of men from all walks of life, along with high school students volunteer to read-aloud to preschool through 12th grade students in schools across southeastern Michigan and northern California.



Promoting Literacy, Nurturing Learning

Initiatives to support the *Joy of Reading:*

Barbershop Book Depot – BBD
Book Area to promote reading, talking & learning

Drop Everything and Read – DEAR
Fosters reading at least 20 minutes a day

Family Read Every Evening – FREE
Encourages families to read together daily

Other Projects:

- Field Trips to cultural events
- Essay and Poetry Contests
- College Scholarships
- Parent/Child Breakfast

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**Raising Awareness,
Encouraging Action,
Achieving Solutions**

Community Literacy



In partnership with the Highland Park Business Association, Legacy of Literacy co-sponsors *Literacy in the Park* as part of the annual Highland Park Music Festival. Children from the Metro Detroit area are able to enjoy author visits, storytellers, games, and arts and crafts. The free book giveaway along with pony rides, the media van, petting zoo and ice cream making are always big fun for children and their families.

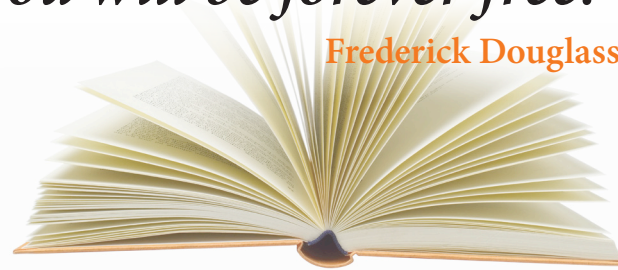


REAL Women Read

In 2011, using the model of REAL Men Read, women were invited to participate in REAL Women Read day to further highlight for students a genuine appreciation for reading. We are proud of the outpouring of support for this read-aloud event held during National Reading Month.

“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.”

Frederick Douglass



About Us

The mission of Legacy of Literacy, Inc. is to:

- Provide a literacy-focused ministry that promotes the love of reading as well as help develop competent and confident readers prepared to live and succeed in a global society.
- Empower children and families to view reading as an important way to share and access knowledge.
- Work alongside groups including schools, businesses, churches, and other community organizations to sponsor an array of literacy programs and services for all children and families.



“Illiteracy is a weapon of mass destruction that must be acknowledged, so it can be addressed and eradicated.”



Mrs. Alma Greer,
Founder



REAL Kids Read

This is a fun event for the young and young at heart when local students read-aloud some of their favorite stories to adults. Students are transported to local senior homes and apartment buildings to share their love of reading on the last Thursday in March.