The ability to read is the door to whatever future path a child decides to take later in life, whether college, career, military, or other type of vocation. Recent research indicates that 33% of Quad Cities third graders are not reading at grade-level.

Students who read proficiently by third grade are five times more likely to graduate from high school ready for college or career.

Helping is easy.

► Here’s how:

Commit to 30 minutes, once a week (volunteer choosing) excluding school holidays/breaks.

Volunteer from anywhere. A computer, phone, internet and willing heart is all it takes.

Background check and participation in 20-minute online training session is required for all volunteers.

READ TO LEAD pairs local elementary students with volunteers who meet through a safe and secure digital website and use a simple screen sharing and audio for reading lessons.

READ WITH A LOCAL STUDENT FROM YOUR HOME OR OFFICE.

500 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

3RD GRADERS READING ON LEVEL*

SCOTT & ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES

*According to the 2019 Quad Cities Data Exchange

United Way

QUAD CITIES

43% BLACK  57% HISPANIC  73% WHITE
BE PART OF READ TO LEAD

READING MENTORS:
Since 2017, 90 to 100% of students participating in Read to Lead improved their reading skills. Become one of 500 adult volunteers needed to help our schools and students get back on track in school and reading. Visit Read to Lead sign-up to get started.

DONATE:
For $250 you can provide a student online reading resources and a dedicated reading volunteer for an entire year. Your investment can greatly impact a student’s learning experience during this pivotal time. Donate here!

SPREAD THE WORD:
Know someone that would be interested in Read to Lead? Share this information and have them sign up to be a volunteer reader at Read to Lead.

QUESTIONS?
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