

SUMMER READING PARTNERS A-TEAM

Action Report 2022

About Summer Reading Partners

Studies have demonstrated that summer reading loss can result in students falling up to 3 years behind. **Summer Reading Partners**, a collaborative effort led by Alignment Nashville and the Nashville Public Library, empowers summer camps, daycares, other programs that serve PreK – 4th grade students who are economically disadvantaged to embed designated reading time and other literacy enrichment into their camps and programs. **In 2022, the Summer Reading Partners A-Team asked participants to:**

- Incorporate a minimum of 20 minutes of reading per day
- Participate in and track student reading through Nashville Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge
- Participate in a team-led training that provided tools to help embed literacy enrichment strategies in their programs

2022 Summer Reading Partners

Congratulations to these camps and programs for their participation as a 2022 Summer Reading Partner:

Bethlehem Centers of Nashville
 Fannie Battle Day Home
 Global Outreach Developments International
 Martha O'Bryan Center (2 Sites)
 Metro Parks and Recreation
 Preston Taylor Ministries (3 Sites)
 Project Transformation (3 Sites)
 Salama Urban Ministries
 Schrader Lane Early Learning Center (2 Sites)
 YMCA of Middle TN (4 Sites)
 Youth Encouragement Service (2 Sites)

Summer Reading Partners Goals

2022 proved to be a stellar year for the Summer Reading Partners A-Team! The initiative exceeded their expectations on a number of ambitious goals, including:

Retain at least 80% of participating camps from 2021 and recruit at least 4 new camps or programs.

- ✓ The A-Team retained **81%** of the participating camps from 2021! Although they didn't reach the goal for recruitment, they were able to train and support **3** new camps, including: Global Outreach Development International, Preston Taylor Ministries, and Salama Urban Ministries.

Provide tools and support that add value for participating camps and help them implement the initiative.

- ✓ With 75% as a goal, **100%** of camps reported that they received tools that would help them effectively implement Summer Reading Partners. **100%** of camps also reported that the initiative added value to their overall summer experience and that they would participate again!

Engage at least 765 Nashville students through Summer Reading Partners.

- ✓ The A-Team surpassed this goal with **818** students participating in 2022, increasing from 694 in 2021. Across all camps, students read a combined total of **336,790** minutes!

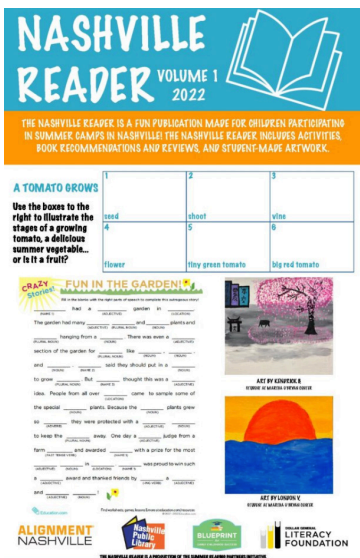
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A Growing Initiative

Summer Reading Partners, the initiative was awarded a grant from the **Dollar General Literacy Foundation** in 2022 which supported the creation of the **Nashville Reader** – a publication featuring art, stories, book reviews, puzzles, and more all designed by and for students which was distributed to all partners.

The Nashville Reader debuted to much enthusiasm – by seeing their own work and ideas reflected in the publication, students were excited and more motivated to engage with literacy.



In addition to the Nashville Reader and the incredible resources provided by Nashville Public Library, other partners such as **Book'em** and **Imagination Library** played a critical role in ensuring that camps had access to diverse books that were engaging for young readers and helped stock bookshelves throughout the 21 participating sites.

About The A-Team

The Summer Reading Partners A-Team was born from the former Pre-K - Elementary Alignment Team which focused on literacy during early childhood and initially launched the Summer Reading Partners pilot tactic in 2017. It reformed in 2019 as a newly created **Sustain Team**, geared toward sustaining a successful collaborative initiative by providing mechanisms for ongoing support and improvement.

2021-2022 Summer Reading Partners A-Team Members

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