



Dear Colleagues, Partners, and Friends,

This year is off to a great start! We're gearing up our Family Literacy Nights, we're starting more ESL classes, and our Adult Basic Education program is growing thanks to our latest batch of volunteer tutors. Oh, and don't forget about the One Book. You can find copies of *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead at Rutherford County Library locations and various locally owned stores in Rutherford County.

However, January is just the start, and we're expecting 2022 to be one of our best years yet! This month is UNPLUG & Read Month (more on that later), and soon after, we'll be hosting our 2022 Read To Bee Spelling Bee and crowning the best 6th-grade speller in Rutherford County. And that's just April.

Exciting times are ahead, and we can't wait!

Happy Reading!

Jolene Radnoti and your friends and Read To Succeed



For the entire month of February, Read To Succeed invites you to unplug and read.

UNPLUG & Read! is a community-wide initiative encouraging adults, families, and children to unplug from televisions, computers, and video games and enjoy the pleasures of reading.

Read To Succeed will be at Patterson Park Community Center to UNPLUG & Read! We have planned a fun evening full of games, activities, and crafts centered around a love of reading for children who attend Patterson Park's after-school program.

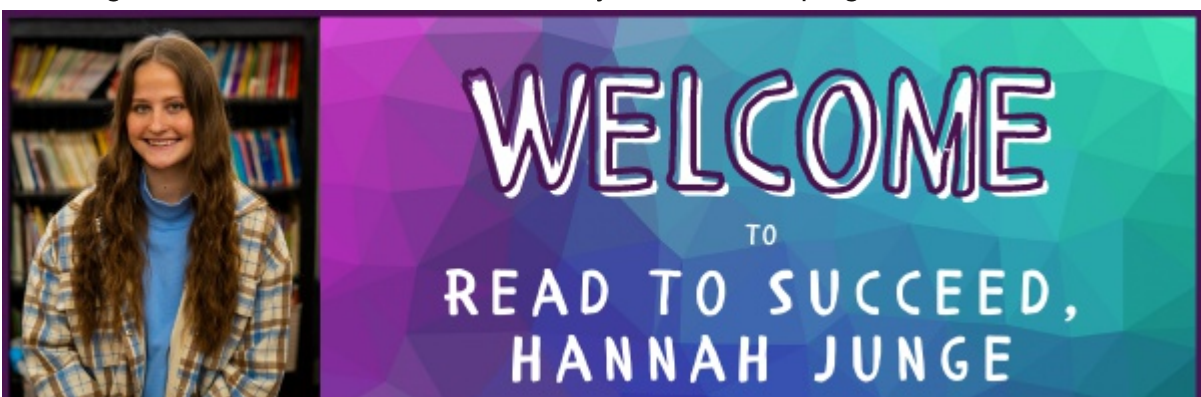
Check out our website for more information on fun ways to UNPLUG & Read!



Last week, we had our quarterly Literacy Council meeting. The key details are just how much of a difference we made in our community over the past three months. The proof is in the numbers; check 'em out:

- Books donated: 3,701
- Volunteers: 34
- Adult Basic Education pairs: 15
- ESL Classes: 17
- Children served: 641
- Adults served: 380

That's just one quarter, and our programs are getting bigger and better. It's hard to overstate the difference being made, and we're thankful to everyone that's helping us make that difference.



You might have already seen it on our social media, but we're bolstering our ranks! Hannah Junge, a senior at MTSU studying Child Development and Family Studies, started working with us just a few weeks ago. She's already made such a huge impact, and we're so happy to have her around.

We're always looking for more help around the office. So, if anyone you know is looking to get some volunteer hours in, send them to our volunteer sign-up page on our website!