

Free Reading Tutor Services Available for the Summer!

The Minnesota Reading Corps (a branch of AmeriCorps, working with the Minnesota Literacy Council) is providing free reading support at the Zumbrota Public Library this summer.

The program targets students who are slightly below their targeted reading goal, but not low enough to qualify for any other assistance. It is designed, through a variety of reading interventions, to quickly give these students the boost they need to reach and exceed their targeted goal.

The program, which was started in 2006, has been so successful it is now a statewide program with over 300 workers with plans to expand even further this coming school year. Recent statistics show that 7 out of 10 students graduate out of the program, having met or exceeded their goal, in just a couple months.

A trained Literacy Coordinator from the Minnesota Reading Corps will be on site at the library this summer to work with students desiring support. The program is set up to work with each student one-on-one, for about 20-30 minutes a session, three times a week. The program specifically targets Kindergarten through 3rd grades. (However, if there is a need and there is room in the schedule, other ages will be considered.) The students will work to improve fluency and accuracy in their reading (and learn letter sounds and word blending for Kindergarten).

To enroll students into this program they need to schedule a time with the Literacy Coordinator, Sarah Meline. Time slots are available on the half hour during library hours and each student is expected to commit to three sessions a week (Mon/Wed/Fri or Tue/Thu/Sat). Due to the library's hours, time slots may differ from session to session. The program will be available from June 16 through July 31. Contact Sarah at: sameline@rochester.k12.mn.us to schedule tutoring time or for more information.