# Service as a Catalyst for Minnesota Literacy.

ServeMinnesota's Bridge2Read

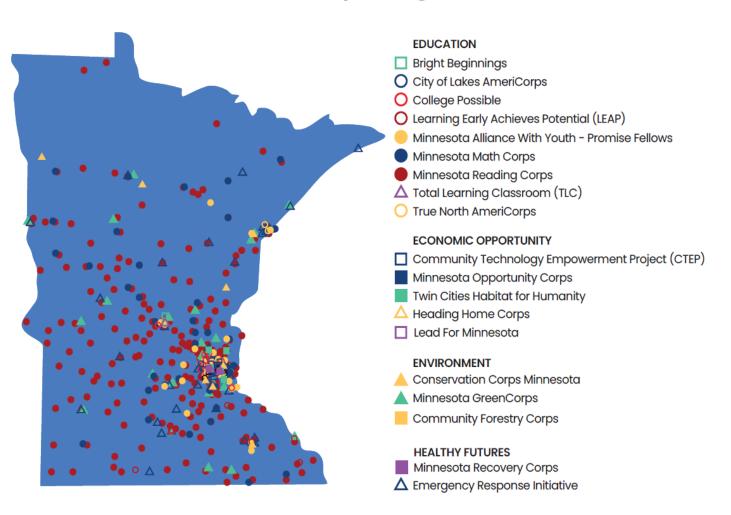
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The Power of AmeriCorps.
The Power of You.

### ServeMinnesota

### ServeMinnesota AmeriCorps Programs



ServeMinnesota moves research to practice, using evidence-based approaches and the power of AmeriCorps to meet critical needs in our state.



## **ServeMinnesota**

# Reading Corps

AmeriCorps people power working on reading skills with thousands of students at 600 partnering sites across Minnesota.





# Reading Corps: A Growing Evidence Base

Two highly rigorous, impartial and complementary studies show Reading Corps conclusively improves early reading skills for struggling students, the equivalent of a half year to almost a full year of extra school.\*

\* Evaluations by NORC at the University of Chicago

# Recognized nationally as a top literacy program, proven to provide the greatest promise of impact.

--ProvenTutoring.org

#### PreK

Outperformed their peers on the five key measures of early literacy – Picture Names, Rhyming, Alliteration, Letter Sounds, and Letter Names.

### Kindergarten

Correctly identified nearly 11 more letter sounds in one minute after one semester.

#### First Grade

Achieved significantly higher reading scores after one semester.

#### **Second and Third Grade**

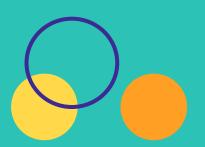
Attained significantly higher oral reading fluency scores.



### ServeMinnesota Innovation

# Taking Reading Corps to the Next Level: Bridge2Read

Translating reading science into classroom instructional tools that benefit all students.





# Reading Corps provides the literacy tools and coaching to support K-3 teachers!

- ✓ Directly complements LETRS
- ✓ Launched at 5 Reading Corps schools
- ✓ Targets foundational reading skills
- ✓ Compliments school's already chosen reading curriculum

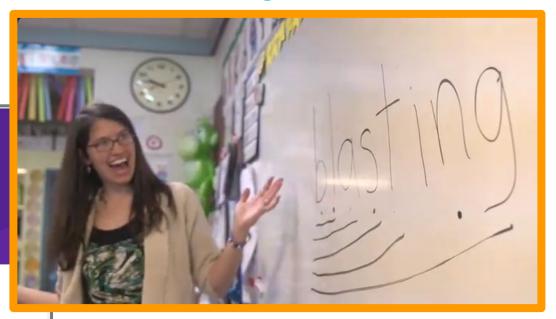


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### Why Reading Corps and Bridge2Read?

- ✓ Supports K-3 teachers with reading practices based on Science of Reading.
- ✓ Supports K-3 teachers transfer their new knowledge from LETRS Professional Development program into their daily classroom reading instruction.

Minnesota LETRS® Science of Reading Professional Learning Courses













# aw

### straw



The letters 'aw' make the /aw/ sound at the end of this word: straw (point at 'aw' in straw).

Students practice with decodable sentences:

I like to drink milk with a straw.

The speed limit is a valid law that helps us drive our cars safely.

I like to draw in art class.

On the raw winter day, the sharp claws of the hawk grab the tree branch.

In the monsoon, five feet of rain fell and we had to withdraw into our safe homes with sunshine as the outlook for next month.





### Bridge2Read: Teachers Chime In



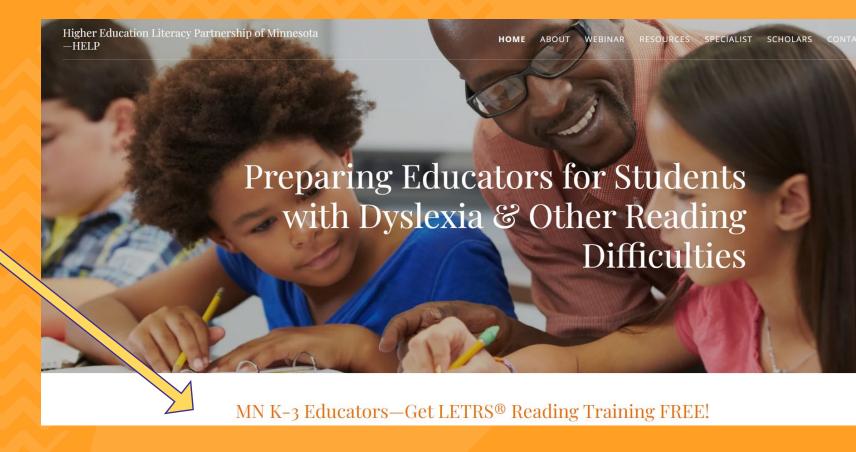


- "Bridge2Read is immensely helping my reading instruction. It takes what I have learned through LETRS and directly applies it."
- "I have seen tremendous growth in both students' reading and spelling."
- "I love this program. It has tremendously changed the way I teach reading and it is super successful for all students."



### ServeMN & Higher Education Literacy Partnership

HELP:
Information
network for
higher education
professors and
teachers





## ServeMinnesota

# Catalyst for Reading Achievement:

Reading Corps
Bridge2Read & LTRS



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