

KidsREAD

The National KidsREAD programme (KidsREAD in short) is a nationwide reading programme officially launched on 23rd April 2004 by then Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. KidsREAD is a collaborative effort by the National Library Board (NLB) together with the People's Association (PA) and five self-help groups to promote the love of reading and cultivate good reading habits among young Singaporeans, in particular children from low-income families.

KidsREAD club @ Chongzheng Primary School

The on-going KidsREAD programme in Chongzheng Primary School started since 2012 and a group of active Parent Volunteers in Education (PaVE) conduct lessons on a weekly basis. These parents commit their time to help the children from Primary One and Two levels (who are in the Financial Assistance Scheme) to develop good reading habits.

Volunteers take turns amongst themselves to lead a session each week. They read aloud stories to children to inculcate good reading habits from young and help them discover the joys of reading. Then, Volunteers work with smaller groups of about 4 to 6 children to engage them in an interesting variety of reading and related activities such as arts and crafts. During project months, the volunteers take the children on field trips.

Currently, the Club is running the programme with ten very dedicated Parent Volunteers. We are always on the lookout for Parent Volunteers to help us. Training in basic storytelling skills and planning for a reading session as well as guidebooks to aid the volunteers in their role are provided.

If you are interested in helping us with this Programme, please email us at cz.kidsread@gmail.com or czpave@gmail.com

