

Where Reading Opens Doors

JANUARY READING ROOM NEWSLETTER

We're excited to kick off the new year by sharing updates from the Ben Carson Reading Project and celebrating the incredible school partners who make this work possible. From the magic of National Day of Reading to the opening of new Reading Rooms across the country—and a brief program update from our team—this newsletter highlights the joy, impact, and momentum of our shared commitment to supporting young readers.



Discovering the Magic of “Yet”

20TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF READING

For our 20th Annual National Day of Reading, we wanted to feature a book that embodies the spirit of CSF. This year's featured title, *The Magical Yet* by Angela DiTerlizzi, aligns perfectly with our mission to help every child recognize their potential. Its message, that challenges aren't the end, encourages students to keep trying, keep learning, and keep believing in what they can become.

With that spirit in mind, reading room school partners across the country joined us for CSF's National Day of Reading. Here's a look at how they brought the “magical yet” to life in their classrooms....

[Continue reading about the magical day](#)



A Reading Milestone Worth Celebrating

FALL 2025 READATHON

CSF's first Readathon was so successful that we just had to bring it back, this time with a twist! Schools competed in groups based on their total number of enrolled students. Group 1 consisted of schools with 500 or fewer students, while Group 2 included schools with more than 500. We also added a fun “Thank You Prize” of \$500 for a participating school that has shown ongoing commitment to its reading room and student engagement over the years....

[Read about all the fun time spent reading](#)



Opening the Doors to Reading



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST READING ROOMS



North Forestville Elementary School

September 2025



Matilda Avenue School PS 483

November 2025



Franklin Academy

December 2025



Jo Byrns Elementary School

December 2025



Smokey Mountain Elementary School

January 2026

Program Updates & Support

A FOND FAREWELL & WAYS WE CAN HELP



A Fond Farewell - We would like to share that Amani Green will be leaving CSF to pursue a new career and will no longer be serving as the Reading Room Program Coordinator. She is grateful for her time at CSF and for the meaningful connections she has made with our reading room school partners.

We're Here to Help - For questions or to request an update on your Reading Room account balance, please contact our Reading Room Director, Tammy Blazenyak, at tammy@carsonscholars.org or call 410-828-1005.