

AMERICORPS PARTNERS WITH COMMUNITY



AmeriCorps member Teri Sims reads to students while dressed as a character from the story.

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In partnership with the Elizabeth Jones Library the Grenada School District AmeriCorps members are presenting stories and educational information about subjects following the Grenada School District's Conduct Code – Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Healthy, Be Responsible, etc. The Lions Club, Exchange Club, All Saints Episcopal Church, Adult Education Center, Chamber of Commerce, and other community members are encouraging students by reading stories at these programs.

For "Read Across America" on Dr. Seuss' Birthday, Monday, March 2, a large reading party was held. The Mississippi Association of Educators donated prizes, Grenada Junior Auxiliary provided treats, and the Elizabeth Jones Library gave books to each attendee. For some of the stories, Sally Rupp illustrated "reading" for the hearing impaired by using sign language. AmeriCorps members dressed as Dr. Seuss characters at the library. To further encourage reading and celebrate the National Service Week "Read Across America," 18 community members volunteered to read stories at the Elementary School on Tuesday, March 3, and Thursday, March 5.

The Grenada School District 21st Century Grant, which operates the Par-

ent Resource Center housed at the Adult Education Center, partners with AmeriCorps by providing activity booklets about the various topics. Gerry Morris from the 21st Century Grant read at the Dr. Seuss' Reading Program and Director Myra Muirhead of the Parent Resource Center provided activity booklets on "101 Reasons to Read."

The Parent Resource Center is an excellent place to learn about parenting and education. Weekly meetings are held for parents on Tuesday evenings, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. AmeriCorps members assist Ms. Muirhead in presenting these trainings.

AmeriCorps' February reading program "Be Responsible" included being responsible for one's actions, taking care of pets, calling 911 for help, and being prepared for emergencies in bad weather.

In April and May, AmeriCorps will present their last two topics for the school year – "Be Caring" and "Be A Hero." Parents or grandparents must accompany children to these reading programs. It's a fun way for students (and parents) to encourage reading and learning.

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John Moody Mike Shelton Ted Hubbard Donald Palmer
Tyrone Ford Eddie Harris Dexter Love Anthony Stanley
MANAGER: K. Williams

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(Front l to r) Ellie Williams, Christiana Harris, Olivia Burns, Myiesha Robinson, Lakendra Stewart, Laura Fields, (back l to r) Africa Strickland, Jamesa Phillips, Emily Bush, Na'Kemenya Williams, Trenecia Conley, Carnesha Hughes, Allyn Flautt, Tania Young, and Mahagony Moss