



You Can Make a Difference

Join ESLC in our mission to **unlock each child's potential through the foundation of reading.**

- Volunteer
- Bring ESLC tutoring to your school or community organization to help your children thrive and find joy in reading
- Sponsor
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"It's a great feeling to develop a relationship with the children you are working with. It's also rewarding to see their progress. I feel better myself when I volunteer."

- Volunteer Literacy Mentor

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Unlocking each child's potential through the foundation of reading

Relationship-Centered, Evidence-Based
Literacy Tutoring

For Kindergarten - Third Grade Readers

AARP Foundation[®]
Experience Corps



School Sisters of Notre Dame

East Side Learning Center is an educational partnership with the School Sisters of Notre Dame and proud host of AARP Foundation Experience Corps.



Students We Serve

Kindergarten - 3rd grade students who have not yet reached grade level reading.

Volunteers Who Tutor

Community volunteers, age 50+ volunteers, and college students commit to building positive, caring relationships with students and families.

Where We Serve

ESLC partners with school and community sites to provide one-on-one literacy tutoring in-person, virtually, during the school day, after school and in the summer.

Our Goals

Create meaningful relationships and positive reading experiences

Improve letter, sound and word identification for pre-readers

Improve decoding, fluency and comprehension for readers

Sustaining Beliefs

- Reading is a power for a lifetime.
- Every child has a right to the power of reading.
- Advocates take action to invest in a child's brighter future.
- Developing the next generation of readers and citizen leaders.

Our Story of Service

East Side Learning Center (ESLC), established in 2001 is an independent nonprofit that strives to "unlock each child's potential through the foundation of reading."

In 2019, ESLC adopted AARP Foundation Experience Corps Twin Cities, an intergenerational literacy tutoring program where volunteers age 50+ guide the next generation of readers.

Core to ESLC's mission is shrinking the opportunity gap that exists for Minnesotan children of color to reach strong reading outcomes for all.

ESLC is funded through corporate, foundation and individual contributions.

"Our students crave relationships and time to read and explore literacy in different ways. These mentors provide fun, engagement, games, care and patience. The year is brighter for ALL with these wonderful volunteers because of the time and care they put into our schools every day."

- Partnering Teacher



East Side Learning Center provides one-on-one supplemental literacy support and mentoring relationships that help children thrive. ESLC offers a high-quality program, rooted in best practices in literacy tutoring and mentoring, with positive and consistent support from highly trained volunteers. We are committed to helping students become confident, fluent readers using methodology that is informed by reading research and rigorous evaluation.

Volunteer Literacy Mentors follow a structured lesson as they tutor, providing a systematic approach to literacy growth and ease for volunteers as they help students to practice key reading skills.