

university of idaho reading program

Overview

The University of Idaho Child & Youth Study Center is part of the University of Idaho's Center on Disabilities and Human Development. A community need that we have identified, and have begun to address, is for more individualized, specialized interventions for children with reading problems. Students with reading problems are at high risk for behavior problems, difficulties with self-esteem, higher rates of dropping out of school, as well as lack of employment or underemployment as adults.

Our reading program serves school age children and youth. It consists of testing to identify skill strengths and weaknesses, with a program tailored to each student's ability level and specific needs. Tutoring is done twice weekly on an individual basis, and is supervised by a Ph.D. level faculty member.

Volunteer Opportunities

We have trained and used volunteers from the U of I and WSU in the past, and would be willing to train volunteers from the community. Volunteering in the reading program would require a commitment of at least two hours per week on a fairly consistent basis.

Wish List

Other ways community members can help with the reading program are to donate new or gently used books or funds to purchase books that we to give to students to keep to start their own library at home. The circle has generously donated to our scholarship fund, which accepts donations year round. Every \$20 donated pays for one tutoring session, and donations starting at \$5 can be used to purchase books.

Contact

Anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to the reading program can contact Laura Richards at 208-885-3588 or laurar@uidaho.edu.