



**Mission:** To inspire children, with less opportunity, to love reading through Read-Aloud volunteers and new book ownership.

**Program:** For over fifteen years, our *Read-Aloud* program has motivated children to develop a passion for reading and literature. Today, more than two hundred dedicated volunteers each devote time every week reading to the same group(s) of children in over sixty elementary schools, Head Start sites, public libraries and other community sites in San Diego County alone.

**Our program reaches over five thousand children countywide *each week*.**

To seed their home library, twice yearly our program children receive a new, high-quality book inscribed by their Rolling Reader. For many children, these giveaway books are the first books they've ever had to keep and call their own. Our *Book Giveaway* event is central to the program encouraging children to read and share stories outside the classroom with their friends and families.

**Rolling Readers distributes more than 10,000 books each year in San Diego County.**



The *Read-Aloud* program also provides schools with crucial volunteer support. With our public schools facing debilitating budget cuts, it is contingent upon volunteers, parents, and community leaders to work together to maintain a healthy educational system. Our volunteers build the capacities of teachers through thousands of hours of volunteer support each year.

**Needs:** We consistently receive more requests for readers than we can immediately fulfill. We expect the demand for Rolling Readers to only increase as our schools face looming budget cuts that will take away ever more resources from San Diego's students. Rolling Readers exists solely on individual donations and support from private foundations and corporations. Increased funding will not only allow us to recruit more volunteers to meet the ever-increasing demand but also continue to expand in underserved areas.

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