

9th Annual Rally

Support Strong Implementation of The READ Act

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 9:45 AM

Agenda:

9:45 am Arrive at the Rotunda.

Participate in group photo in the Rotunda (bring your poster).

10:00 am Literacy Rally begins! Hear speeches from students, teachers, advocates, and state legislators!

11:00 am Crowd adjourns to mingle & attend meetings with legislators, if you have made appointments.

Place: The Rotunda at the Minnesota State Capitol

Minnesota Literacy Day at the Capitol is a family-friendly event for adults, students, educators, and professionals from around the state. We will gather at the Capitol to raise awareness for the Science of Reading and inform policymakers about best practices for struggling readers and all students learning to read. This is an excellent opportunity for children (and all participants) to see government in action and to have their voices heard.

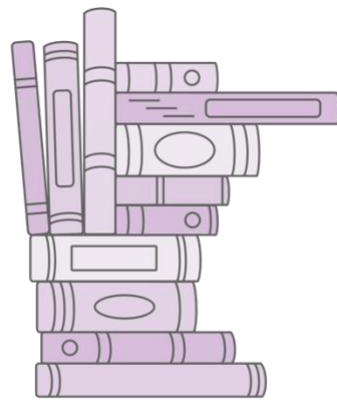
Why is it important to attend?

We need to show legislators that literacy is an important issue and that struggling with reading affects a significant part of the population. We need their support for legislative change now and in the future. It is also a great opportunity for students to see democracy at work and to find strength in numbers.

Looking for youth speaker volunteers Volunteer by emailing Decoding Dyslexia Minnesota decoding.dyslexia.mn@gmail.com and prepare a two-minute speech.

Engage your children!

- **Bring a poster with a slogan** to show your support. Gather others in your district to make signs and plan to attend together. Examples include Childhood Has No Rewind; Equitable Education for ALL; Literacy for All; Education Equity is Racial Equity; Today a Reader - Tomorrow a Leader, Science of Reading for Literacy Success, Road 2 Reading, Until All Can Read, or create your own!
- **Bring your bandana** from last year if you still have it – we also have new swag this year!
- **Meet other students** at the Capitol who also struggle with reading and raise your voices in unison.
- **Contact your legislators to set up an appointment** for the afternoon of April 17. Find your MN Senator and MN Representative at <http://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>. Call *today* to schedule an appointment.
- Or **Stop by your legislators' offices together** after the rally to drop off a letter that shares your story.



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