

Purpose

As part of Delaware's Campaign for Grade Level Reading, UWDE includes intentional programming to inspire and enable the love of reading. As a dual-generation approach, UWDE's Reading Angels creates opportunities for our Delaware community to volunteer and share their time and talent with our students to meet that goal. The program allows readers from diverse backgrounds to share diverse stories that students may not otherwise read. Some of the readers even read stories in their native tongue.



UWDE's Virtual Reading Angels is part of a larger grade level reading strategy that also is intended to impact school readiness, chronic absenteeism and summer learning loss. Additional UWDE programmatic tools include home libraries for students (through UWDE's My Very Own Library Program), student library cards, social emotional learning and unique family engagement opportunities (through the Stand by Me family financial empowerment program)

Opportunity

UWDE's Community Engagement Team works with and secures volunteers who have raised their virtual hand through its U-Volunteer platform to bring reading joy to our Delaware students. UWDE's Get Delaware Reading Team works in lockstep with assessing the needs of schools connected to our Virtual Reading Angels Program to match interested volunteers with school based classroom opportunities. Virtual Reading Angels either read a self-selected book or one provided by the Program to their assigned class of students. UWDE's Get Delaware Reading Team makes certain volunteers have the appropriate instructions for the approved platform, supporting collateral for recruitment, video technology, etc.



Volunteer

For any questions or to get involved, please contact:

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