

Teach My Kid to Read Announces a New Initiative in Amenia and Millerton, New York, to Create Equitable Access to Resources

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Albany, N.Y. (June 15, 2023) <u>Teach My Kid to Read</u> announces today that <u>The Amenia Free Library</u> and <u>NorthEast Millerton Library</u> will launch new collections of educational resources known as decodable books as part of the Summer Reading Program. The collections will reduce inequity in education that are critical for learning to read.

The initiative is made possible by the generosity of Amenia residents Kim and Alan Hartman and in partnership with Whole Phonics to improve literacy rates for children in Amenia and Millerton, New York.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with Teach My Kid to Read, the local libraries, and Whole Phonics to help the community access critical resources that support literacy, said Kim Hartman. "Learning to read is a fundamental right for all children, and Whole Phonics books make learning to read fun too!"

To launch the initiative, a magic show and popup Decodable StoryWalk® will take place at Webutuck High School on June 24th at 11 am. Teach My Kid to Read is also excited to announce the summer StoryWalks® happening in Millerton and Amenia in collaboration with local businesses.

The decodable books provide children in Millerton and Amenia with resources to support ongoing work in schools to teach children to read using science-aligned instruction. Launching the decodable book collections is also intended to highlight literacy's critical role in determining educational and life outcomes.

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