

First State Literacy Digest

Insights, stories, and events advancing literacy across Delaware

Dear Literacy Champion,

The sun is coming out, the birds are singing, and guess what? *Reading is blooming all over Delaware!*

This spring isn't just about flowers and green grass. It is about the amazing growth happening in our schools and neighborhoods. Everywhere you look, people are picking up books, sharing stories, and reaching new goals. It feels like our whole state is waking up with fresh energy and big ideas!

You are the "secret ingredient" making this happen. Whether you are a teacher helping a student with a tough word, a parent reading a bedtime story, or a volunteer on one of our teams, you are planting the seeds of success. Just like a garden needs water and sun to grow, our readers need you.

Let's keep going! As the days get longer and brighter, let's make sure everyone in the First State has the chance to learn and grow. We are so proud of the hard work you do to help our neighbors succeed.

Let's grow together, Delaware!

Read the Latest News



Delaware is Supercharging Reading in Schools Helping Every Child Become a Star Reader

Governor Matt Meyer and the Department of Education just announced a huge \$8 million investment to help students learn to read. This isn't just about buying a few new books. This is a bold plan to make sure every child in Delaware is reading at their grade level by the end of third grade.

Why is this so exciting? Reading is like a superpower. It helps you learn about the world, find great jobs, and even stay healthy. By putting more money into our classrooms right now, Delaware is making sure every student has the tools they need to succeed.

What is the "\$8 Million Plan" doing? The money is going straight to where it matters most: our schools and teachers!

- **Better Training for Teachers:** Teachers are getting extra support and coaching so they can use the best, proven ways to teach reading.
- **New Tools for Classrooms:** 25 school districts and charter schools are getting "Bridge to Practice" grants. This helps them buy high-quality materials that make learning fun.
- **Tracking Success:** The state is building better ways to see how students are doing. If a student needs a little extra help, they can get it right away!

A Team Effort "Delaware is focused on one clear goal," said Governor Meyer. "Ensuring every child reads on grade level by the end of third grade." Education Secretary Cindy Marten added that this isn't a "quick fix." It's about making sure students get the best instruction every single day.

This is a huge win for our state. Let's keep cheering on our young readers as they start this exciting new chapter!

[Read the Full Article](#)

Upcoming Events

More Daylight, More Exploring Free Literacy Events Happening Across Delaware for All Ages

With the sun staying out longer, there is more time to explore Delaware.

- **For Kids:** Check out "Yoga Story Time" or "STEAM Story Time" at local libraries like Route 9 or Brandywine Hundred. These help little ones build healthy habits and strong brains.

[Check Out Story Time](#)

- **For Adults:** Want to boost your career? Milford and Laurel Libraries are offering free ESL and GED classes this spring. Use those extra daylight hours to reach your goals!

[Learn More About Free Adult Classes](#)



UPCOMING

FREE WORKSHOP: HELPING WORKERS AND BOSSES SUCCEED

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April 2026

Learn how schools and businesses can work together to help local workers gain the skills they need to succeed.

1:00- 2:30 p.m. ET
Virtual Event presented by the Literacy Center of West Michigan



Featured Event: Helping Workers and Bosses Succeed

Free Workshop Workplace Education for U.S. Cities

At the Delaware Literacy Alliance, we are always looking for proven ways to help our community grow. That's why we're excited to highlight an upcoming workshop from our friends at the Literacy Center of West Michigan.

Literacy Center of West Michigan have spent over 20 years perfecting a "Workplace ESL" model. By teaching English and basic skills right where people work, they help employees move up and help businesses stay strong.

We believe these strategies could make a huge difference right here in Delaware, too. We encourage our local partners, educators, and business leaders to tune in and learn from their success!

Workshop Highlights:

- **The Story:** How the Literacy Center partnered with dozens of companies to expand their impact.
- **The Strategy:** Key steps for building your own employer partnerships.
- **The Goal:** Helping urban education networks support workers in their own backyards.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, April 2

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM ET

Host: Literacy Center of West Michigan / ProLiteracy

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Get Involved



WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE YOUR STORY

[DELITERACYALLIANCE.ORG/TELL-YOUR-STORY](https://deliteracyalliance.org/tell-your-story)

We invite you to share your story and reflect on how reading and learning have grown across your life and family.



Add Your Voice to Delaware's Literacy Story We Invite You to Share Your Story

Share your story and help bring Delaware's literacy needs into clearer focus

If you have seen how literacy shapes outcomes in your classroom, library, organization, or community, we want to hear from you. Your experience can help strengthen awareness, inform action, and support a more coordinated path forward for readers of every age.

Tell us what you are seeing, what is working, and where more support is needed.

[Share Your Story](#)

Help Keep the Delaware Literacy Spark Growing

We have small groups called subcommittees that work on different goals, like early childhood and adult education. No matter who you are, there is a place for you to lead.

- **Share Your Ideas:** Tell us how we can help students in your town.
- **Make a Difference:** Work on projects that help neighbors learn to read and write.
- **Meet New Friends:** Connect with people who care about our community.

How to Get Started

Writing the next chapter of Delaware, together.

Thank you for helping Delaware read!

– The Delaware Literacy Alliance Team

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