



READ THE FUTURE

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED. WHERE WE'RE GOING.



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MISSION:

**We motivate children
to read for fun.**





HARRISON COUNTY



**Higher-performing
9-year-olds read for fun
more often than
their lower-performing
peers.**



The  Nation's Report Card



WOOD COUNTY
Sarabeth Harris reads
with grandson Jack.



613
Volunteer readers
in
811
Classrooms





HARRISON COUNTY
FBI Clarksburg
volunteers
celebrate
Read Across
America Day.





KANAWHA COUNTY
Jessica Silber
reads to second
graders at
Elk Elementary
Center.





KANAWHA COUNTY
Rapt in third
grade at
Piedmont
Elementary.

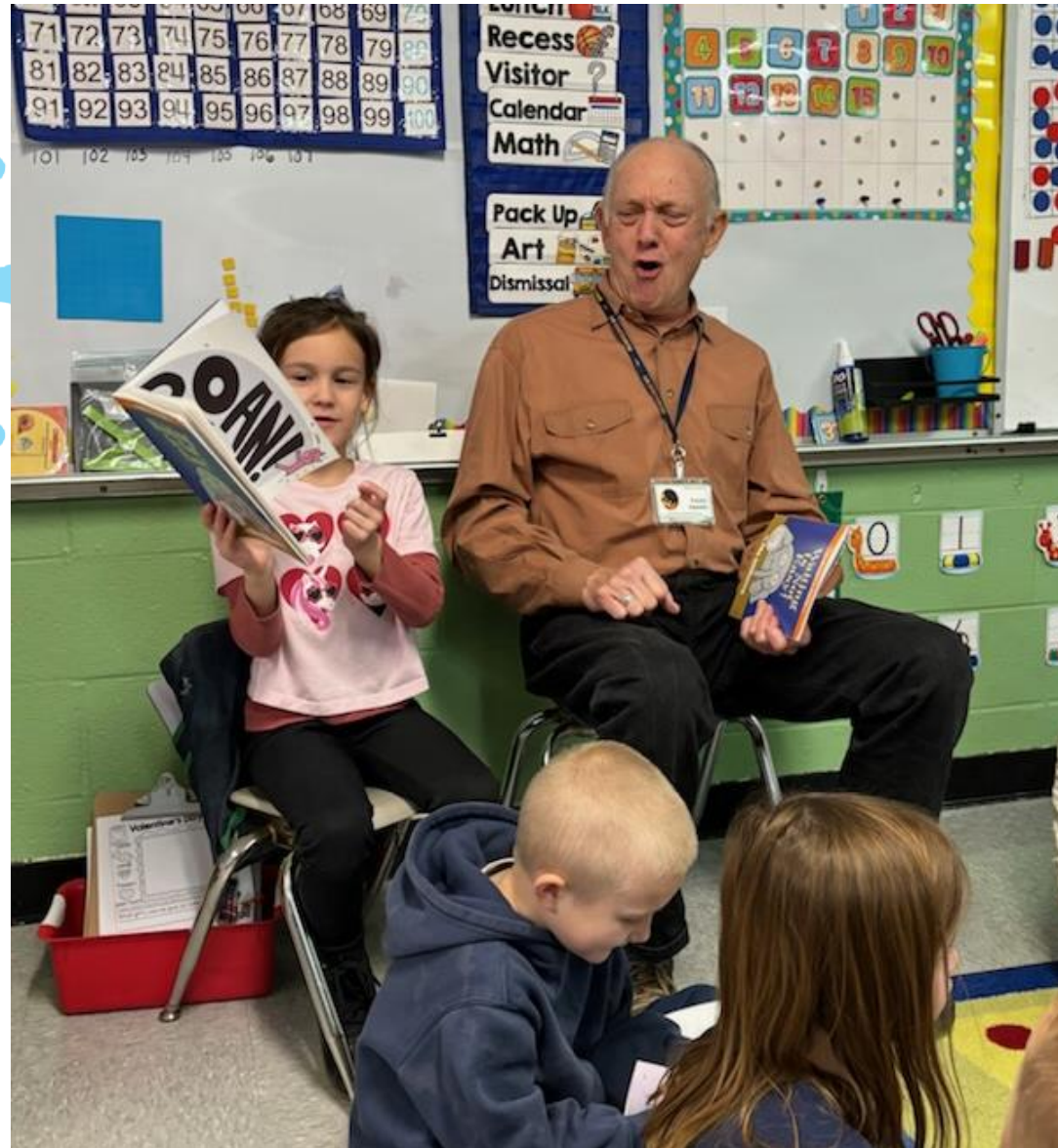


Read Aloud volunteers
motivate children to
read both **in** and **out**
of school.





BERKELEY COUNTY
Casey Willson
reads with Rhett
at Gerrardstown
Elementary, first
grade.



BERKELEY COUNTY
Gerrardstown
Elementary student
Rhett reads to the baby.





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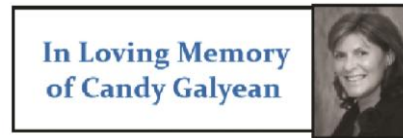
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Background knowledge

is the single largest driver of
reading comprehension





The
biggest driver
of background
knowledge:
reading





In school...





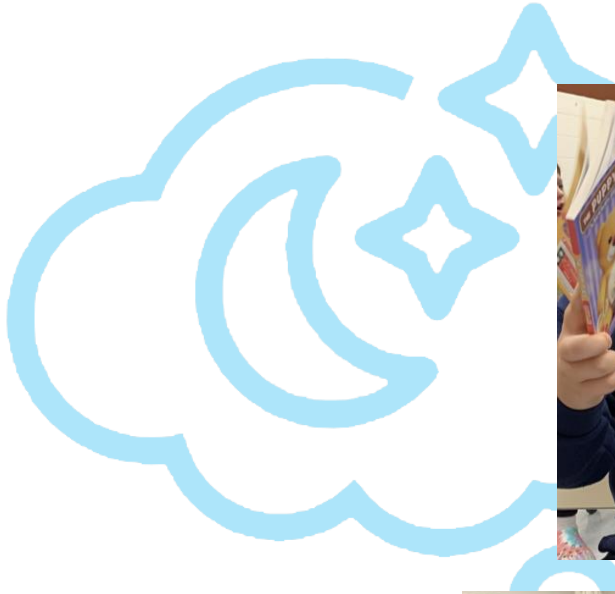
... and out





Reading for fun
during school breaks
prevents
summer learning loss.





Sharon Dawes Elementary



Chesapeake Elementary



Kanawha County Summer Book Binge





Fairview
Elementary

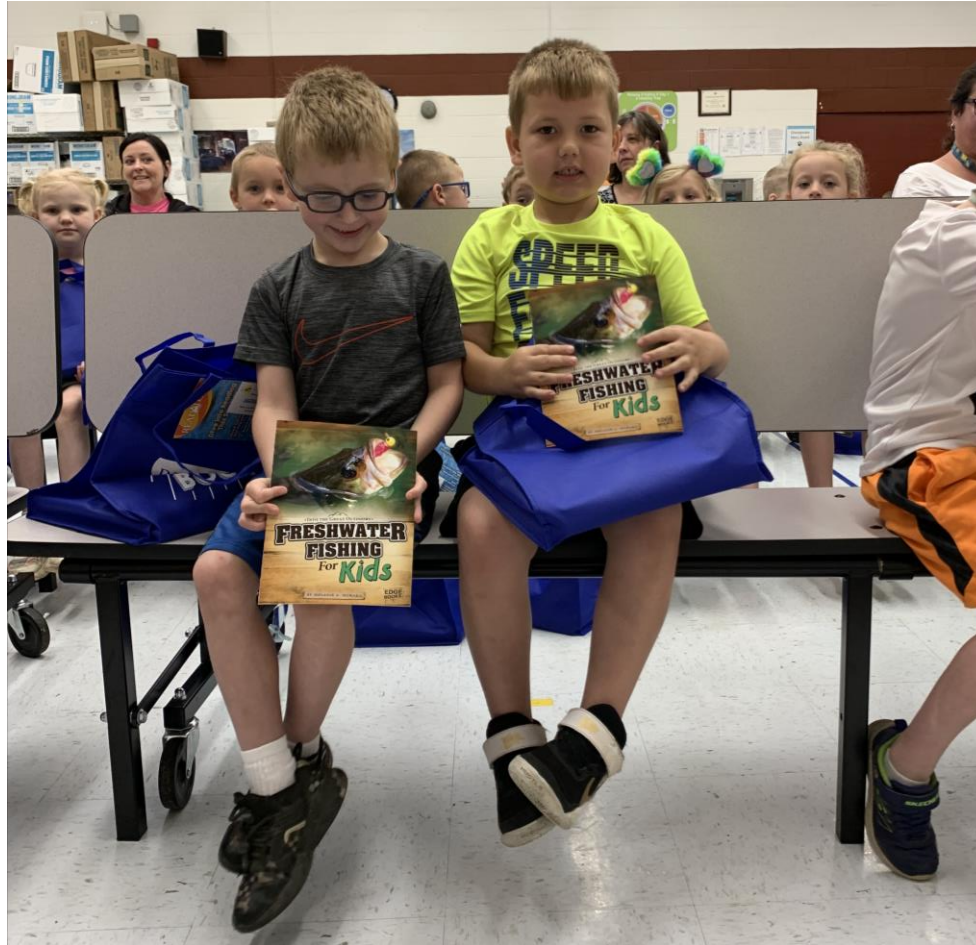


Marion County Summer Book Binge





Chesapeake
Elementary



Kanawha County Summer Book Binge

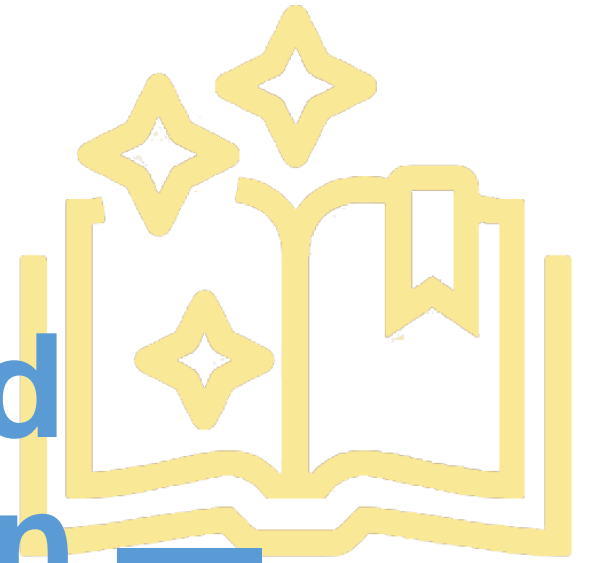




Reading multiple texts about
one topic builds **knowledge**
and **vocabulary** four times
faster than other methods.

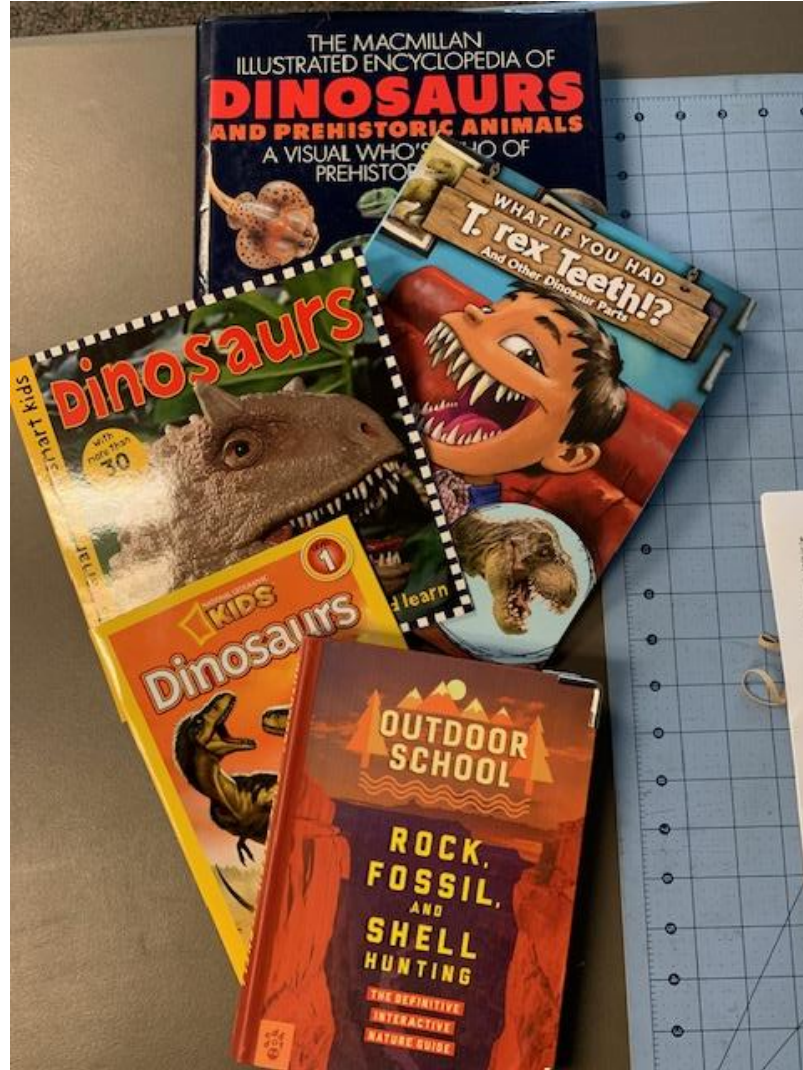


This year, we piloted
a new book distribution



Read Aloud Book Bundles...





Dinosaur Book Bundle

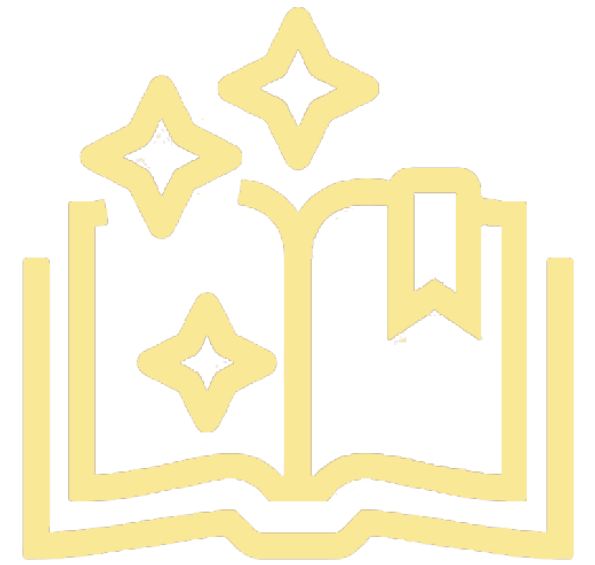


... A favorite subject
5 books



Some easy, some
challenging





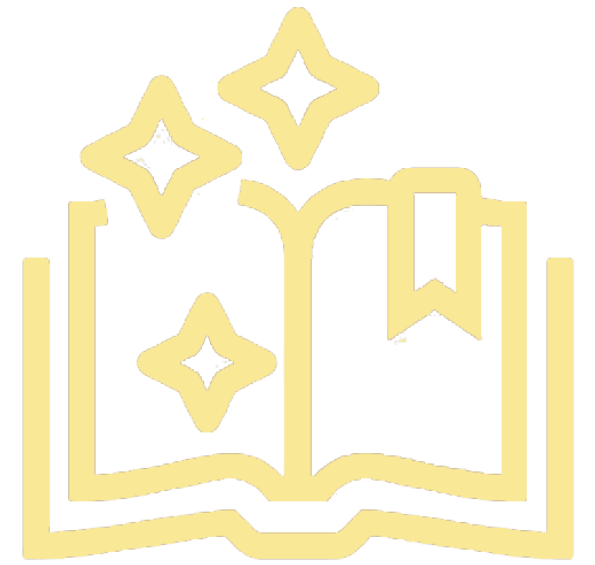
Jackson County volunteers deliver Bundles





Fairview Elementary students with their Book Bundles





Kanawha County Basketball Bundle



**Experienced Read Aloud
volunteers have never seen
anything like it.**

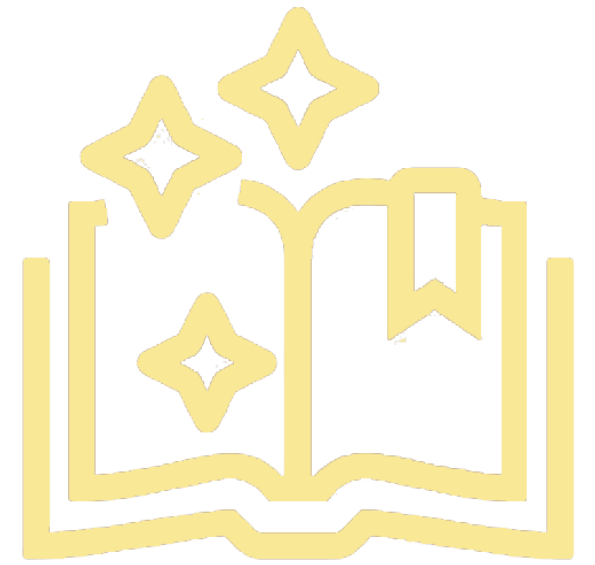
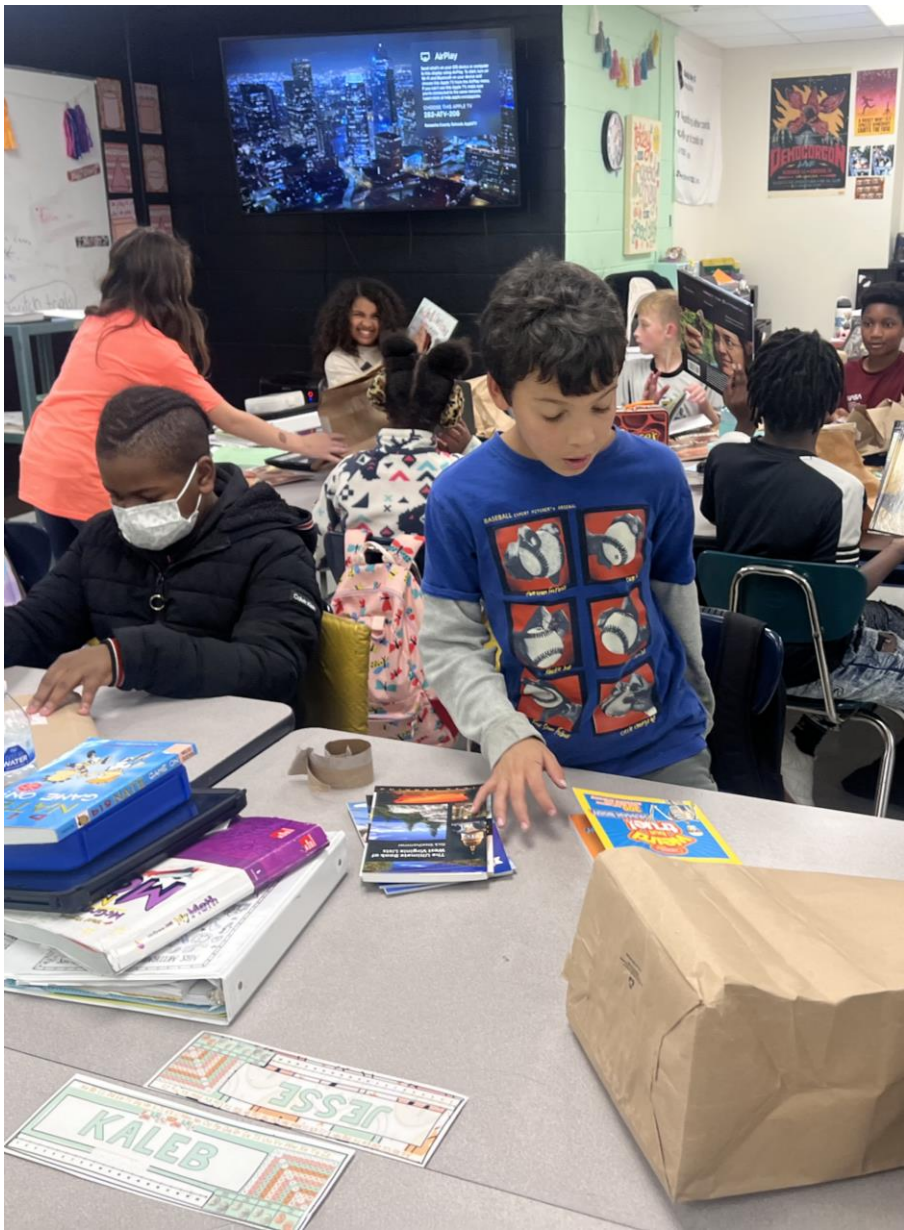


**They describe children
literally dancing and
jumping for joy:**



**“The students were
over the moon”**

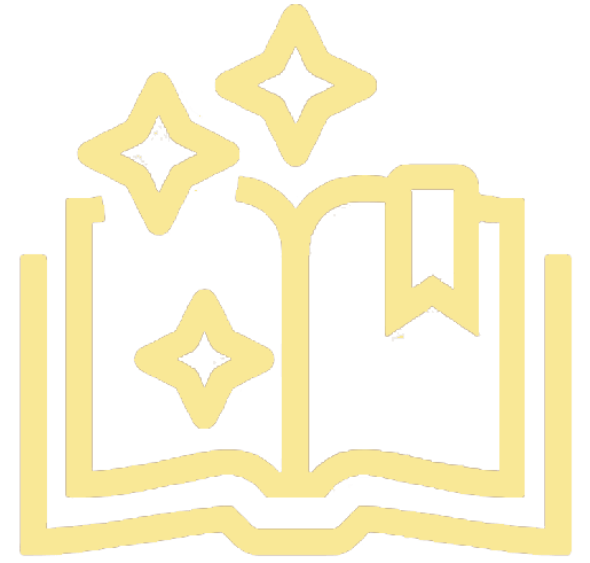


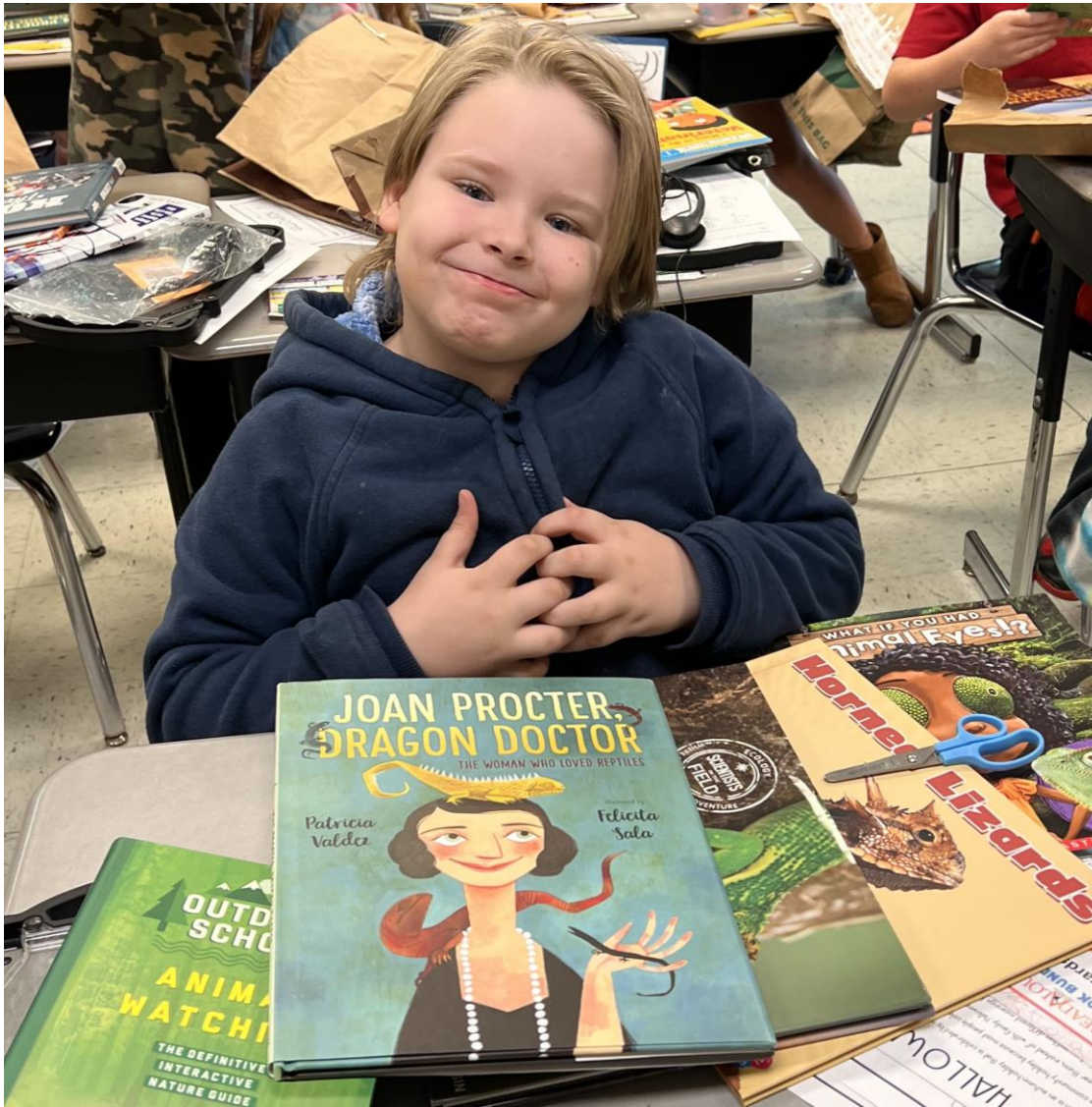


Kanawha County Piedmont Elementary



**“It was like
Christmas morning”**





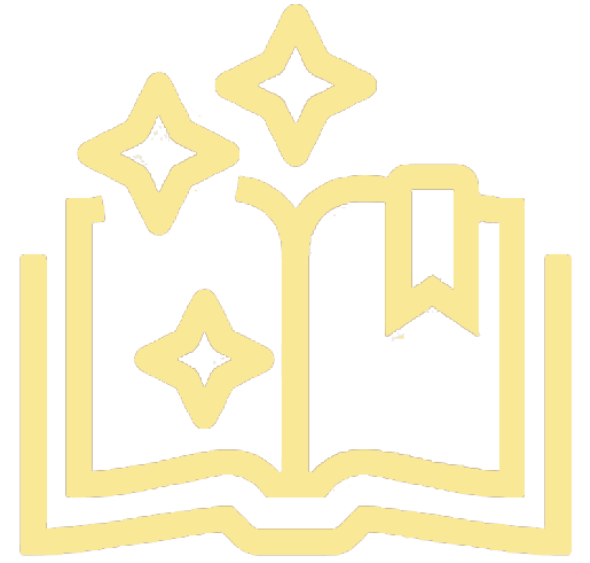
Jackson County: Colton and his Lizard Bundle



**“Students wanted
to read their books
right away”**

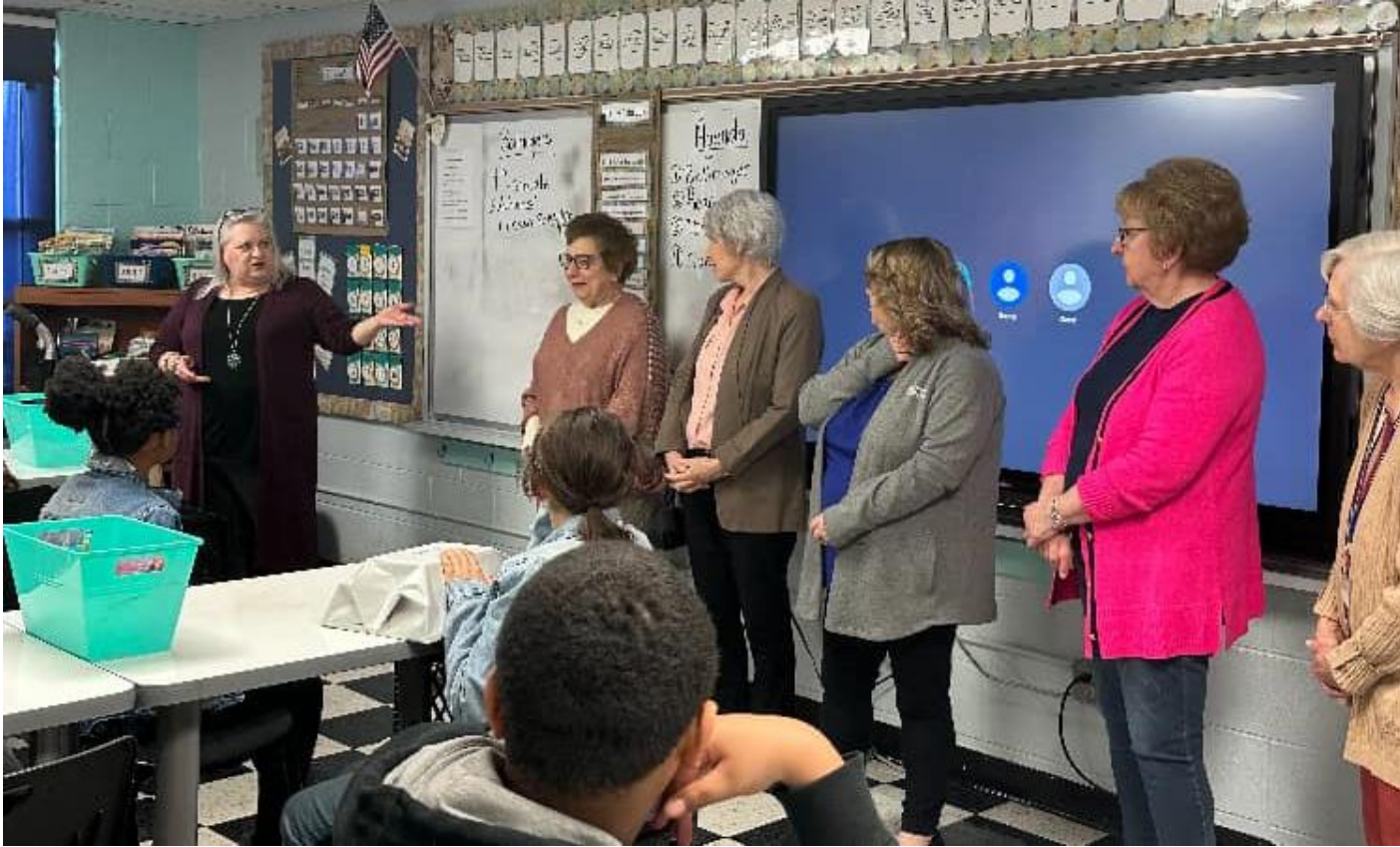


“I’m so happy
I could cry”



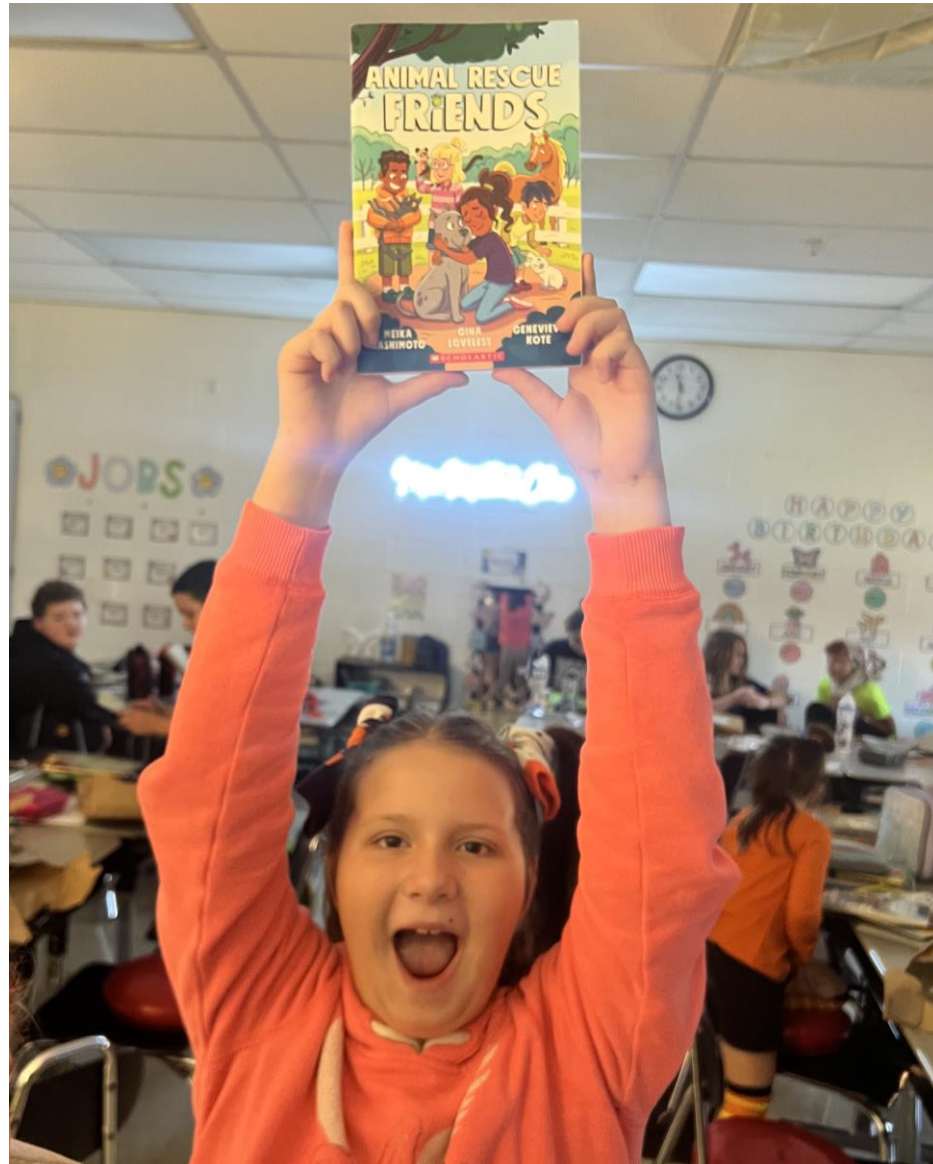
**“On a scale of
1 to 10, it was
a 25”**





**Raleigh
County
volunteers
deliver
bundles to
Mabscott
Elementary**





Jackson County Fairplain Elementary





Book Bundles:
Most popular topics

Outdoors

Music

World history

Titanic

West Virginia

Reptiles

Sports

American history

Fishing

Baseball

Airplanes

Civil War

Horses

Science

Kids' novels

Music

Weather

Cats

Cars

Video games

Dogs

YouTube

Basketball

Hunting

Drawing

Cooking

Robots

Scary

Pets

Animals

Fossils, dinosaurs

Women in history

Soccer

Movies

Football

Ocean animals

Hip-hop





**And they are
popular!**





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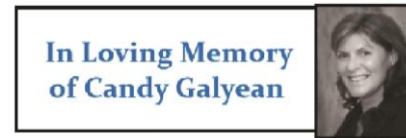
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**Read Aloud has given
children**

17,825 books

since July 1.



WETZEL COUNTY
Book
distribution.
It was
Mustache
Day.





I love your
Books and
your Redding



happy Birthday to you
miss Jean I hope had
a good Birthday!



MERRY CHRISTMAS



From: LIAM GROVE

Thank you for the amazing books! 😊
Age: 6



Thank you
Thomas A.
Heywood
Featured speaker,
reader, supporter



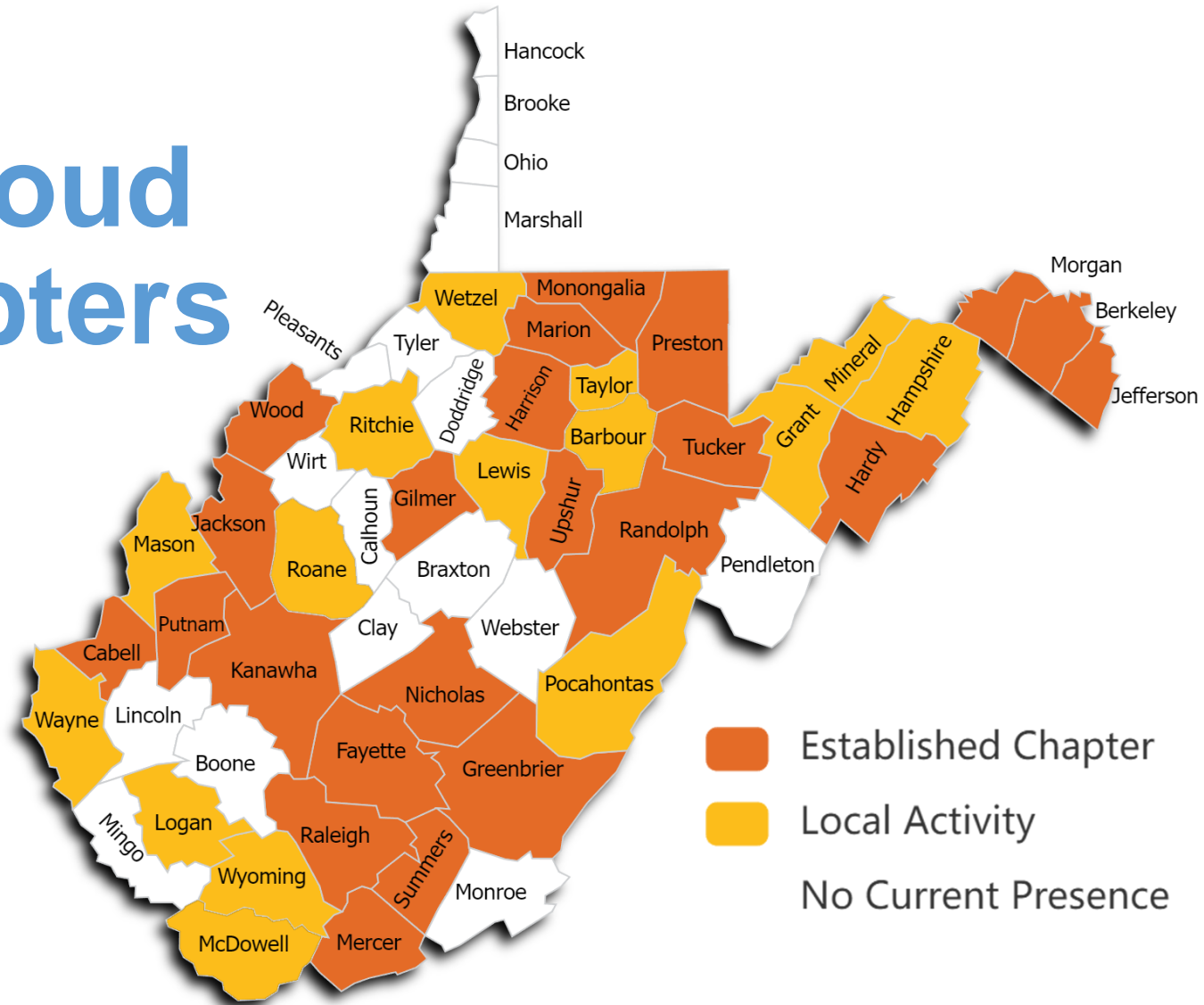
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**Read Aloud inspires
children**

all over the state



Read Aloud WV Chapters



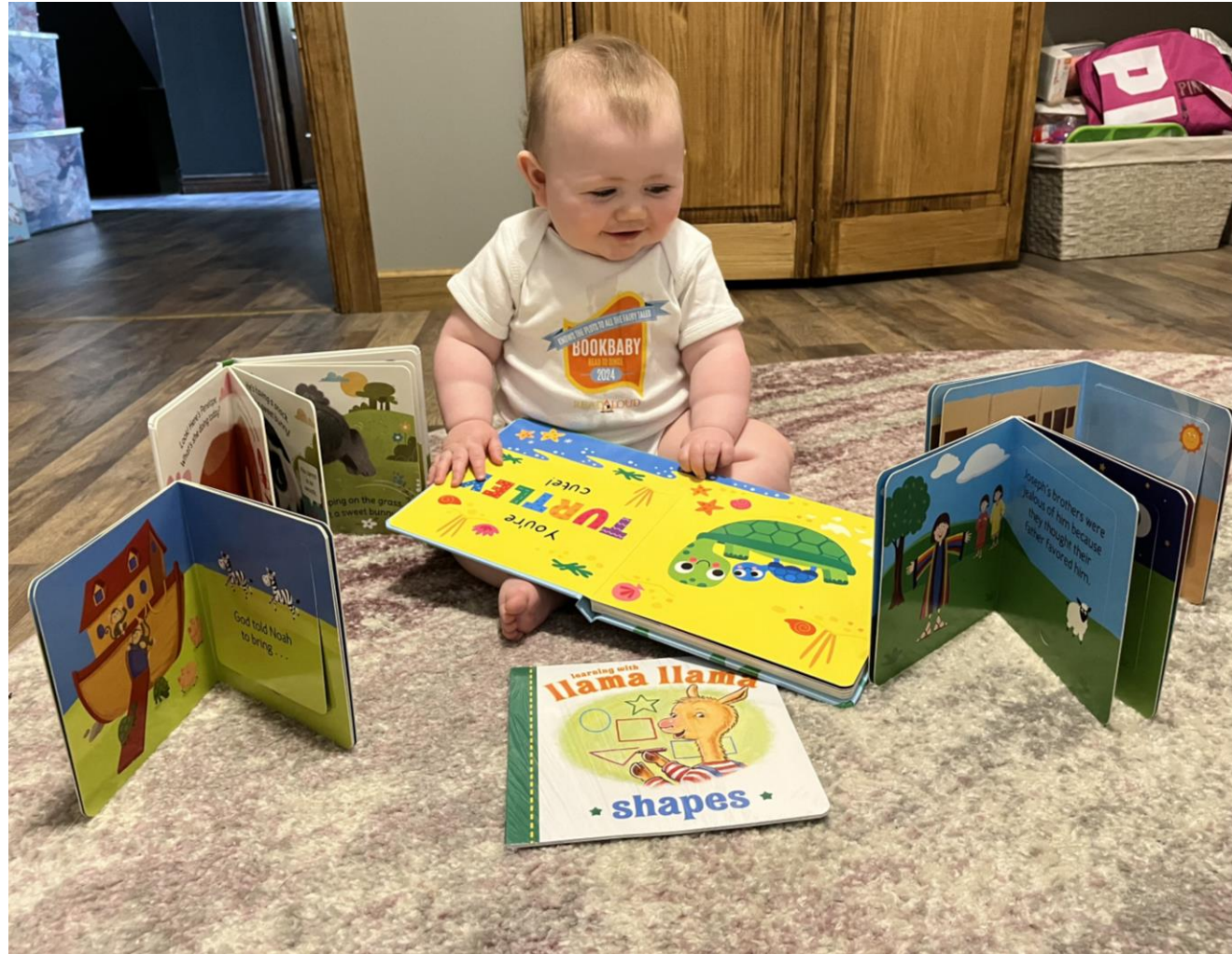
**Read Aloud works
with community
partners to serve
all ages**



Order your future reader
a onesie at
readaloudwv.org



FAYETTE COUNTY
Bookbaby
Madelynn
Koontz loves
her books.



WOOD COUNTY
Sarabeth Harris
hosts a Read
Aloud table at a
school family
night.



Newborn babies at
CAMC Women and
Children's Hospital
receive their
first board book
from Read Aloud WV



JACKSON COUNTY
Cheryl Miller has
a regular
storytime at
The Grind in
Ripley.





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KANAWHA COUNTY
Michael Kawash,
Debra Sullivan
and state
Superintendent
Michele Blatt read
at the Kanawha
County Library.

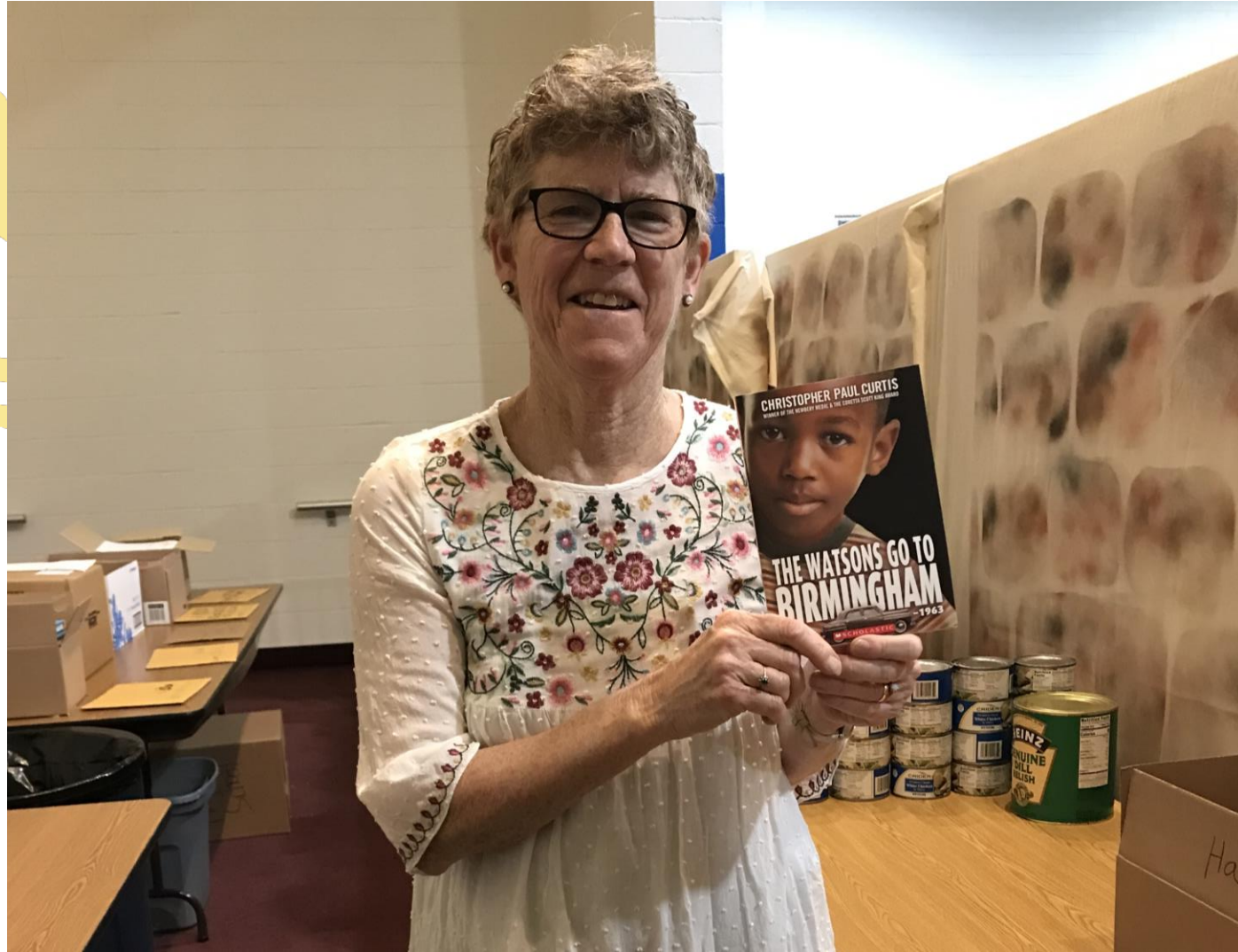




**RANDOLPH
COUNTY**

Volunteers
offer a choice
of books to
children who
receive food in
a special
backpack
program





**RANDOLPH
COUNTY**
Backpack
volunteer
Mary Boyd





Jackson Chapter President Janet McCauley led a reader orientation for students at Roane-Jackson Technical Center.





Roane-Jackson
Technical
Center





CABELL COUNTY

For two years, Read Aloud has supported Huntington High School Librarian Jennifer Day's efforts to offer a special book to more than 1,000 students for holiday break.





CABELL COUNTY
Huntington High students helped Read Aloud with Cabell's Pre-K and Kindergarten Super Saturday event.





KANAWHA COUNTY
An East Bank
Middle School
student after a
“Book Tasting” with
Read Aloud WV and
Kanawha County
Schools.





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THE FUTURE IS FUN

GET A READING FROM JAMES COCHRAN...

BREAK OPEN A FORTUNE COOKIE...

ASK THE READ ALOUD FORTUNE TELLER

(REMEMBER THOSE?)