READ

for

Ronald McDonald House



BE A PART OF OUR STORY!

Welcome to **READ for Ronald McDonald House**, a unique, literacy-based fundraising campaign where young readers learn about the impact that they can make on their communities simply by reading their favorite books! Participants earn donations for every minute spent reading throughout their school's designated reading month, with proceeds supporting the children and families served by Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region. In addition, students can earn some very cool prizes along the way!

Are you ready to READ?!

Ready to set up your page?

SCAN HERE!

rmhalbany.donordrive.com/READ

HOW READ FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE WORKS:

PARENTS

Create your child(ren)'s online fundraising page to share with sponsors by scanning the QR code to the right! **Registering online makes it easy for family and friends to contribute directly through our website**.

STUDENTS

Ask family and friends to sponsor your reading for the month (either a flat donation amount or a specific amount of money pledged per minute of reading logged). Students who are being sponsored per minute read will need to provide sponsors with the total minutes read at the end of the month. You can keep track of your total minutes read, and find fun daily reading activities, on the calendar located on the back of this page.

And keep in mind, **any reading activity counts towards your total**: independent reading, listening to others read, or even viewing online story books. You can also listen to stories from our READ for Ronald McDonald House Video Story Library, located at *www.rmhcofalbany.org/readresources*.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit your school's team page by scanning the QR code above to find informational videos, create your online fundraising webpage, learn about prizes, view a live fundraising leaders board and more!

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EARN PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATING IN READ FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

When students reach a fundraising level, they will receive the prize at that level, as well as all of the prizes in lower levels.
In addition, students can "unlock" badges on their online fundraising page for each new milestone achieved.
Visit our website at https://rmhalbany.donordrive.com/READ to learn more!

ALL READERS

ONE (1) FREE ATTRACTION AT APEX ENTERTAINMENT

ONE (1) FREE CHILD ADMISSION TO RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE 2026 5K FAMILY FUN DAY

READ FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE LOGO ITEM

RAISE $50

ONE (1) FREE CHILD ADMISSION TO VIA AQUARIUM WITH PAID ADULT ADMISSION

ENTRY TO WIN ONE OF AMAZON FIRE HD 8 KIDS PRO TABLET

RAISE $100



PORTABLE BOOKLIGHT

RAISE $250

TWO (2) TICKETS TO A TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS 2026 REGULAR SEASON GAME

RAISE $500

ONE (1) SINGLE DAY PASS TO ZOOM FLUME WATER PARK

TOP 5 FUNDRAISERS

YANKEE TRAILS BUS TRIP FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR (4) TO THE BRONX ZOO

SCHOOL PRIZES

(Top Fundraiser and Top Participation)

APEX ENTERTAINMENT PARTY PACK: EITHER TWO-HOUR EXCLUSIVE PARTY OR INDIVIDUAL GIFT CARDS FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

STEWART'S SHOPS ICE CREAM PARTY: INCLUDES AN ICE CREAM PARTY FOR UP TO 100 STUDENTS AT THE WINNING SCHOOL

ALBANY BROADCASTING DANCE PARTY: INCLUDES A ONE-HOUR DANCE PARTY WITH DJ TO BE HELD AT THE WINNING SCHOOL

Please note: *Students must have an online fundraising page set up in order to be eligible for prizes.*

DID YOU KNOW?

Since launching in 2014, **nearly 24,000 students have raised more than $2.2 million** to support the needs of families struggling with serious childhood illnesses and injuries through READ for Ronald McDonald House.

In addition to supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities, students also support their own school through READ for Ronald McDonald House. Schools are offered a **10% rebate** of the total donations their group raises.

READ for Ronald McDonald House is going greener in 2025-26! We are no longer sending home sponsor envelopes. **Instead, we strongly encourage online donations.** However, if you would like to send in a check, please download a printable sponsor form from our website and mail the form and payment directly to Ronald McDonald House Charities, attn. READ for Ronald McDonald House, 139 S. Lake Avenue, Albany, NY 12208.

Please do not send donations directly into your child's school.

ABOUT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF THE CAPITAL REGION

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region provides essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families and promote healing when children need healthcare. Our Ronald McDonald House program provides a "home away from home" for families of seriously ill children receiving treatment at area hospitals. Our three interconnected houses serve 25 families nightly, offering lodging, meals and support services. The Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, located just steps from the neonatal and pediatric intensive care units at the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Med, give families a place to escape the stress of the hospital while staying close to their child's bedside. The Ronald McDonald Family Retreat at Krantz Cottage in Lake George, NY, offers a peaceful setting where families facing serious childhood illness can be together and make lasting memories. **All Ronald McDonald House programs and services are provided to families at absolutely no cost.**

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February 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
RMHC® of the Capital Region				**Please note:** Reading calendars do not need to be returned to Ronald McDonald House. Students can also track their reading minutes online at: https://rmhalbany.donordrive.com/READ		
1 READ for Ronald McDonald House starts today! Set a reading goal for the month. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**2** February is Black History Month. Read about great things African Americans have done throughout America's history. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**3** Craft your own story or poem. Illustrate your story with colorful drawings. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**4** There are 28 days in February. Try to read for 28 minutes today! TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**5** A good joke is always fun to share. Read a book about jokes, then share your favorite with a friend. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**6** Grab a dictionary and learn a new word today! Practice how to spell it and use it in a sentence. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**7** Great books often become great movies! Read a book that has been made into a movie. TOTAL minutes READ ☐
8 Find a photo of your family. Write a story about what your family was doing when the photo was taken. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**9** Do you have a pet? Read an animal story to your pet or your favorite stuffed animal. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**10** Who is your hero? Write a story about someone you admire and read it to your hero or family. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**11** Our names are a part of who we are. Read about the meaning of your name. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**12** Write about something you are grateful for and read it to your family. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**13** Our universe is amazing! Read a story about a planet or star that interests you. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**14** Find as many words as you can from the letters in "Valentine's Day." TOTAL minutes READ ☐
15 Make a card for someone who is not feeling well. Did your card make them feel better? TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**16** It can be rewarding to read to someone else. Pair up with a friend and read aloud. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**17** The library is an amazing place! Go to the library for a new book. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**18** It's fun to sing! Look up the lyrics to your favorite song and sing along. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**19** Create a bookmark for your favorite book, Decorate it with drawings and stickers! TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**20** Read your favorite comic book and then create your own amazing comic book hero. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**21** Create a cozy reading corner with cushions, soft blankets and your favorite book. TOTAL minutes READ ☐
22 Cooking can be fun! Read a recipe and ask an adult to help you make it. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**23** Book swap! Trade a book with a friend. Did you enjoy reading their book? TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**24** Board games can be so much fun. Invite a family member or friend to join you and play a board game with words. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**25** Learn about different styles of paper airplanes. Fold and fly some of the airplanes you learned about! TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**26** Fairy tales are fun to read. What is your favorite fairy tale? Write a different ending to it! TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**27** Help someone else enjoy a book today. Read a book to a family member or friend. TOTAL minutes READ ☐	**28** Today is your last day to READ for Ronald McDonald House! Vote on your favorite book from the past month. TOTAL minutes READ ☐