



# HIGHLIGHTS

MINNESOTA LITERACY COUNCIL

## Summer Reads 2013: Site Supervisors

Our program would have been remarkably different without [the VISTAs]. Without them, there would have been a **big hole** in our program.



**4 out of 5**  
**students**  
increased their reading fluency



The students have made **lasting connections** and relationships with the VISTAs. Each day the VISTAs have sparked an interest in reading whether it be **helping the children apply and obtain a library card** or **playing bingo** and **receiving a book** for them to take home as a prize. The VISTAs have made a **huge impact** and influence on the attitudes of reading in the students.



**9 out of 10**  
**students**  
maintained or increased their sight word recognition



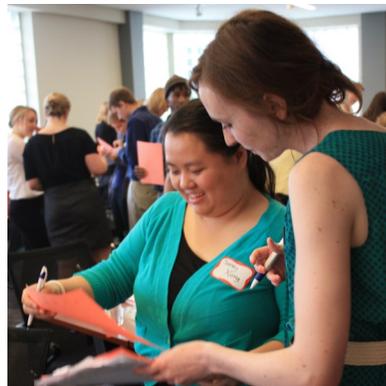
With all the craziness and busy programming of summer, the VISTAs were able to **slow it down** for the children and focus on academics and literacy. They made it **fun to read** and a treat to work with them!



We do not have the capacity to offer one-on-one reading. The fact that we can offer a **quality individualized reading support** option to our community is huge.



Students would have received less attention in the area of **literacy** and **teachers** would have been more stressed and stretched to provide sufficient **instruction** and **attention** to students.



Thanks for this wonderful support, which helps our students continue in their learning & helps prevent the **"summer slide"** in our students.  
**Thank you!!!**



# REFLECTIONS

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## Summer Reads 2013: VISTA Members

**80** VISTA members  
**59** host sites  
**20** cities



My greatest accomplishment was the **shift in excitement** towards reading and the activities throughout the 8 weeks. At first, few children, especially the older ones, expressed strong interest in reading and were **reluctant to leave their Legos** to come read or play a literacy game with me. By the final weeks of my service, I had to start telling children that I had too many kids playing/reading and that **they would have to wait.**

Even though it is a challenge, and stressful at times, I loved working with all the kids and going to work every day. It taught me a lot about **patience** and just understanding **different points of view.**



My greatest personal accomplishment was helping a child go **from not recognizing any letter of the alphabet** to now knowing the majority of the alphabet. This really taught me that **repetition and hard work really pays off** in the end.



**4484** children served  
**10,556** 1:1/small group sessions  
**8081** enrichment activities



**11,432** books read



What I felt was my greatest accomplishment was **creating a program from scratch** for K-5 students at our library site. I got to meet a lot of **fantastic young people** who have many challenges in their lives, and it was very meaningful to know I served as a **positive adult influence** in their lives if only for a few weeks.



We had one student who really **dislikes school** and has **no motivation** to accomplish tasks. This student was scared off by many activities, because he felt that he could not complete them. I chose to take this student under my wings this summer, and found a few activities that motivated him and boosted his **confidence.** It was wonderful to see him **sounding out words with a smile on his face** in the last couple of weeks.