

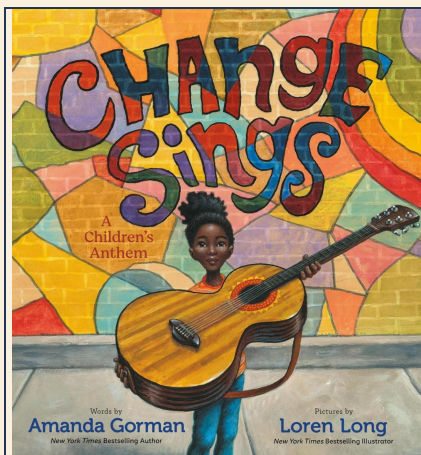


Read across America

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
Celebrating A Nation Of Diverse Readers

Gear Up for 2024 Read Across America Day with Virginia Beach GrowSmart

Virginia Beach GrowSmart is excited for our 2024 Read Across America Day event. Our local event will be held on Friday, March 1, 2024. The event will kick-off at 9:00 am with over 88 participating school and childcare sites. We will provide 7,556 books for children across our community. Read Across America Day stands as a testament to the profound significance of literacy in our society. At GrowSmart, our core belief is that every child deserves access to quality and affordable early childhood education.



This year, we have chosen "Change Sings: A Children's Anthem" by acclaimed Harvard University cum laude graduate and award-winning writer, Amanda Gorman, as the featured book for Read Across America. This story follows a young girl who embarks on a musical odyssey, discovering along the way that each individual possesses the power to effect change, no matter how big or small, in our world.

For Change Sings Interactive Activities

[Click HERE](#)

As early educators and advocates of literacy, you know the importance of reading with young children! Our Virginia Beach Read Across America Day event will continue to elevate the importance of reading and supporting the love of learning.

We hope you join us in this community-wide celebration of reading!!!

A Snapshot of Our Impact

2024 Read Across America Day

375 Participating Classrooms

5,932 Pre-Kindergarten Books/ 276 Pre-Kindergarten Spanish Books

973 Toddler Books: The Shape of Me and Other Stuff

7,556 Books Provided

[Participating Sites: Ways to Engage on Read Across America Day](#)

- 1) Click below to watch our Exclusive 2024 Read Across America Day Video
- 2) Take Pictures/ Videos & Tag @vbgrowsmart
- 3) Tune in @vbgrowsmart for the official Read Across America Day Countdown
- 4) Questions/RAAD Inquires: vbgrowsmart@vbgov.com

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