



## Rosie Reader By the Numbers - December 2024

### Rosie Reader Classroom Visits

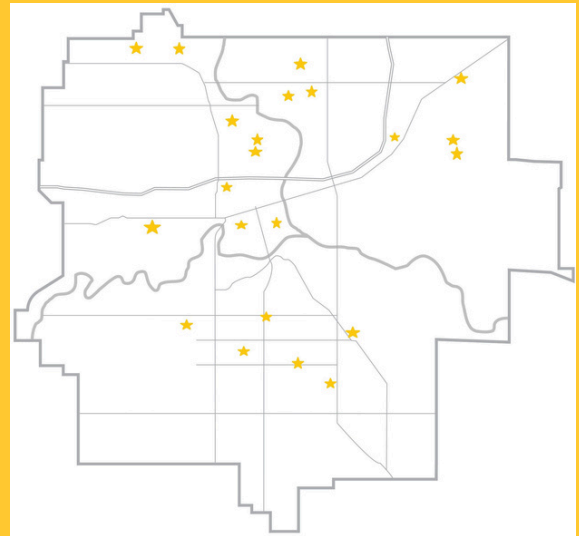
- 191 preschool classroom visits - 2,518 kids in attendance
- 56 elementary school classroom visits - 1,231 kids in attendance
- 22 after-school visits - 514 kids in attendance
- **Total: 269 classroom visits - 4,263 kids in attendance**



*Rosie interacts with kids at Mitchell Early Learning Center*

The Rosie team interacted with 1,647 people at community events in December, such as:

- Jefferson Elementary's Literacy Night
- FosterSQUAD's Operation Santa
- Knock and Drop Iowa's Posada
- and more!



*Everywhere the Rosie team was in December in Des Moines!*

## Where's Rosie? Gas Giveaway



*Rosie and Rev. Rob Johnson at the 2024 Fueling Hope Gas Giveaway*

Rosie and the Des Moines Public Library's Rosie Reader team joined up once again with Rev. Rob Johnson for his annual Fueling Hope Gas Giveaway on Sunday, January 19. This year's Gas Giveaway took place in northeast Des Moines, with hundreds of cars lining up over the course of a few hours to get free gas.

The Rosie team has been a part of this great event since its inception in 2022. This year, they gave away 500 kids books to kids and families that were filling their tanks!

## Staff Spotlight Deseure DeBerry



My name is Deseure, and I am a person that has been in Iowa for almost two years. I came to the Rosie Reader team with experience running after school and summer programs/camps from the West Coast, informed by my education background in Sociology & Justice Studies (BA and MS, respectively), as well as my social work background involving youth and young adults (Trauma-Informed Care and Positive Youth Development).

I still enjoy idea building with colleagues and through continual professional development when it comes to after school activities and interactive story-times. I love bridging children's interests with books and related activities, and I love learning more about everyday things that lend themselves to growth in reading and literacy.



## Rosie Reader Book Pick of the Month



*I Do Not Eat Children*, by Marcus Cutler

This delightfully humorous picture book is a big hit for kids and their grown-ups! Each turn of the page is an opportunity to discover what is different from before and gets the reader closer to discovering the truth!

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*City Spies*,  
by James Ponti

This month's Kid Librarian is a brother/sister pair - Sophie and LeeAndre!. One of their favorite books is *City Spies*, the first in a series of books about young kids that get a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies!

Find more books and movies that Sophia and LeeAndre love at [dmpl.org/kids](http://dmpl.org/kids).



## Literacy Tip of the Month

There are all kinds of opposites around us that we take for granted. Which ones do you notice day to day? Turn this into a game of pointing out opposites anywhere you go and see how many you can come up with in kitchens, bathrooms, and dining spaces!

Did you know that by doing this you are building a familiarity (or recognition) of opposite words? It's amazing to see that lightbulb go on when they start to recognize opposites on a regular basis.