

# **VIRTUAL READING PROGRAM**

**LOOKING FOR CHAMPIONS  
FOR VIRTUAL STORYTELLING!**



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# VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Our world looks different now with COVID-19. But that doesn't mean we have to stop making a difference – in fact, it is needed now more than ever. We're excited to let you know about our "new" Virtual Reading program which will allow you to make an impact from wherever you are, whenever you can. We've created virtual, remote, and skills-based volunteer opportunity that you can participate in so that you can keep making a difference.

## IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY IN EARLY EDUCATION:

Studies show that More than 1 in 3 American children start kindergarten without the skills they need to learn to read (American Academy of Pediatrics). Easterseals North Georgia provides a comprehensive reading framework that ensures each child has these skills and that they have an advantage that carries with them throughout their school years.

## HOW IT WORKS:

1. Register to participate. (You can participate as an individual or in a group)
2. Chose a book for children in age range of 6 months to 5 years old.
3. Try to pick a book that has no more than 25 pages-we want to keep their attention.
4. Feel free to choose a theme or to dress in costume
5. Record on simple video platform and keep it to 30 min. YouTube is an easy platform to use, you can complete most of the edits in this platform with many cuts –removing awkwardness and dead air – to keep our kids attention hooked. But no worries, if you run into any issue, we can do the edits.
6. Submit the finish product to **Kemba Keen at kkeen@esng.org**



## Just Remember-Preschoolers like books:

- That tell stories
- With funny stories
- With simple text they can memorize
- About kids – similar or different
- About going to school and making friends
- With playful or rhyming language
- Alphabet, counting and vocabulary books