

# Is your church (or network) ready for SUMMER LITERACY?

*If you can check these statements (or even most of them), you might be!*



- We care about all children and their ability to learn in school and succeed at life
- We are already in a collaborative relationship with our local public schools
- We have a strong pastor and lay leaders who are committed to engagement in the community
- Our church works with other organizations to understand and meet community needs
- Our church has some great volunteers
- We hear God calling us to “do a new thing” to help kids in our town
- We are willing to partner with The Duke Endowment to test a Summer Literacy program
- We are open to possibly implementing a program that:
  - **Runs for six weeks in the summer (Monday-Friday, full-day)**
  - **Serves 24-36 (or more) early elementary school students**
  - **Is hosted in our church building(s)**
  - **Hires teachers who demonstrate excellent reading instruction**
  - **Provides reading instruction for three hours each morning**
  - **Provides enrichment for three hours each afternoon**
  - **Provides a healthy breakfast and lunch to all students**
  - **Wraps students in love and overcomes barriers to their participation and learning**
  - **Engages parents and guardians through weekly evening workshops**

If your church (or network) could be ready, willing and able, please contact The Duke Endowment's Rural Church Associate Director Kristen Richardson-Frick, [krichardson-frick@tde.org](mailto:krichardson-frick@tde.org) or (704) 927-2250.



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