

BRIGHT FUTURES GROW THROUGH SUMMER LEARNING

Without access to enriching learning opportunities, many students—especially those already facing obstacles—fall behind over the summer. Research shows that students from underserved communities can lose two or more months of reading skills each year, and over time, these losses stack up, pushing them further below grade-level expectations. But with the right support, summer can be a season of growth, confidence, and academic momentum.

United Way of Story County partners with local programs to provide hands-on learning, daily reading support, and healthy meals—helping kids build confidence and stay on track. Together, we're creating brighter futures, one summer at a time.

2024 IMPACT



1,540 youth participated in summer learning programs



84% of youth surveyed reported academic success



27% of Story County students are eligible for free-or-reduced-price lunch



33% of 3rd graders didn't meet reading benchmarks

Learn more about summer learning at:
uwstory.org/out-of-school-learning

Real Learning, Real Relationships, Real Impact

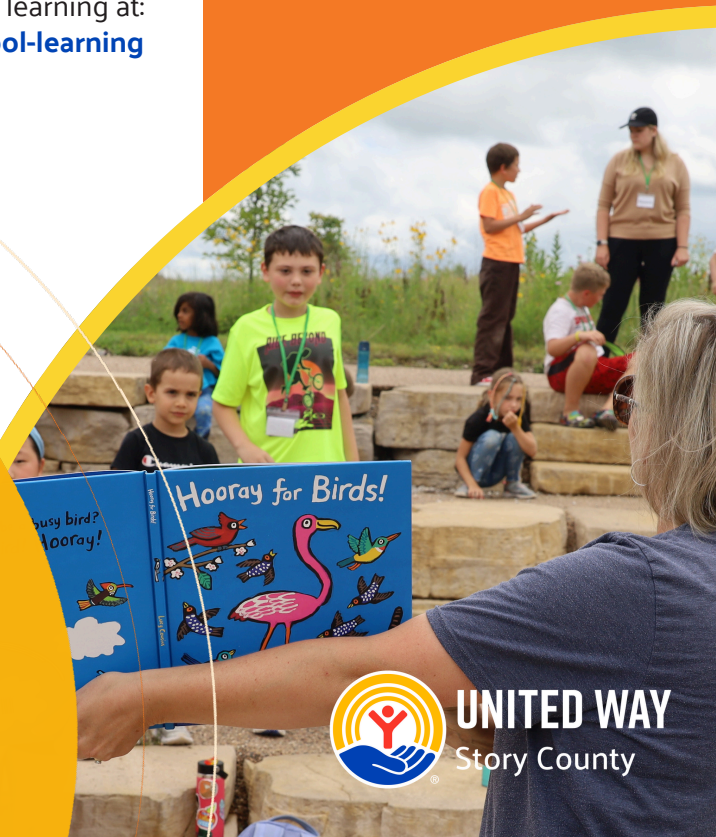
At The Community Academy, summer learning isn't just about academics. Kids like Alyosha are discovering their power to lead and take action for change. "We don't have to wait for other people to do it," he says.

This mindset is shaping a generation of future community members who, as Executive Director Mike Todd puts it, believe in the power of "WE. Let's go far."

By fostering deep connections and a sense of belonging, The Community Academy is equipping kids with lifelong tools for confidence, leadership, and community impact. "It's about doing real work in the community, building relationships, and having the time to grow," Mike says.

2025 Summer Learning Program Investments

All Aboard for Kids: STEAM Academy
ACPC Day Care
Boys and Girls Clubs of Story County
Camp Fire: Summer Camps
Girl Scouts: Leadership Experience
Prairie Flower: School Age Summer Camps
Raising Readers: Summer Reading Buddies
The Community Academy: Summer Experience
University Community Childcare: Summer Enrichment
YSS: Summer Enrichment



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