



Mission:

The goal of RISE (Reading IS Enlightening) is to ensure that **preschool and elementary-aged children in Centre County have access to high quality children's books** that recognize individual differences and encourage respect of those differences. **Teaching tolerance, kindness, and understanding** is the key focus of this mission with the hope that these books will inspire children to develop a fair and loving attitude towards everyone.

RISE is a 5-Year Initiative

that began in 2022 and will continue through the 2025-26 school year.

Objectives:

- Provide a yearly **donation of high-quality children's books** addressing diverse experiences and social justice to **Centre County preschools, elementary school libraries, and public libraries.**
- **Fund an annual student reward program** for participating Centre County elementary schools to encourage students to read books in diversity categories.
- **Create a grant program for elementary educators** to apply for diversity curriculum resources.
- Provide **book giveaway tables** at community events in areas where non- participating school districts are located.

Support RISE:

Here's how you can support this project:

- Make a **contribution online** through Centre Foundation at <https://centre-foundation.org/funds/rise-reading-is-enlightening-fund/>
- Or send a check payable to Centre Foundation with Reading IS Enlightening (RISE) Fund in the memo line to:

Centre Foundation
1377 Ridge Master Dr.
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Please send any questions or requests for more information to RISEBookInitiative@gmail.com.

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