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KRR honored with Storytime Village's Literacy Legacy Award

The Kansas Reading Roadmap (KRR) was celebrated by partners in early literacy for its work helping K-3 students across Kansas achieve grade-level reading skills.

At a Sept. 8 gathering of early literacy advocates hosted by Storytime Village, Inc., a literacy program based in Wichita, KRR was presented Storytime Village's Literacy Legacy Award.

The Literacy Legacy Award goes to organizations "whose work in the area of literacy in Kansas will leave a lasting impact for generations to come." The award is presented in the categories of Service, Leadership and Community Impact.



(Left to right: Rev. Wade Moore, KRR Program Manager Patricia Houston, KRR Executive Director Andrew Hysell, Storytime Village President/CEO Prisca Barnes)

"The Leadership Award was presented to KRR because they have taken a vital role in helping bring advocates of early literacy together," said Prisca Barnes, President/CEO of Storytime Village.

Andrew Hysell, Executive Director of KRR, accepted the award in the Leadership category on behalf of the organization at Storytime Village's Read and Rise Breakfast Gala at Wichita State University. Also receiving Legacy awards were the Wichita Community Foundation and Real Men Real Heroes.

"It is a great honor for the Reading Roadmap to be recognized by Storytime Village along with these other groups who are making such an impact," Hysell said. "We are proud to work alongside such valued partners to advance early literacy."

The mission of Storytime Village, Inc., with the support of parents and the community, is to inspire a lifelong love of reading for underserved Kansas children from birth to age 8.



KRR shares a similar mission, working with K-3 students across Kansas “creating a pathway to literacy for every child.” KRR is a partnership between local schools, the Kansas Technical Assistance System Network (TASN), and DCF. KRR works with more than 60 schools across the state aligning afterschool, summer and family engagement programs with school data and practice.

The Storytime Village event was highlighted by a keynote address by actor, author and humanitarian Taye Diggs. The event was co-chaired by Ann E. Garvey of The Annie Foundation, and Brian A. Black of Spirit AeroSystems.

Wichita Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Alicia Thompson was presented the Literacy Champion Award, which recognizes the work of an individual who has championed literacy initiatives and, through their support and advocacy for literacy has made a significant impact on underserved children in the state of Kansas.

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