



## GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

To Rhode Island's School Leaders and Teachers:

Earlier this month, we announced the April Reading Challenge, and Rhode Island rose to the occasion. It has been incredible and inspiring to see educators across our state use their creativity to promote reading as a daily habit for students.

Just one week into the challenge, more than 2,600 Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students have logged more than 108,000 minutes of reading. That's amazing!

Please continue to direct students and families to visit RIDE's April Reading Challenge [website](#)<sup>1</sup> to access key literacy resources and information and log minutes, so we can continue to keep track of everyone's success.

I want to encourage you to continue posting pictures and videos of staff and students reading on social media with the hashtag **#RIReadsAtHome**.

To join in on the challenge, I recorded a read-a-loud video of the book *How to Be a Lion* by Ed Vere. Please feel free to share the [video](#)<sup>2</sup> with families and teachers—and post your own read-a-loud video!

Thank you for everything you are doing to ensure our students are continuing to learn and read every day. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your commitment and your creativity.

With gratitude,

Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ride.ri.gov/InsideRIDE/AdditionalInformation/AprilReadingChallenge.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CRGBN4raKRQUqmm16lv4coDqhnMtpt8U/view?usp=sharing>