



NEA'S READ ACROSS AMERICA

YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD, TOO WACKY, TOO WILD, TO PICK UP A BOOK AND READ WITH A CHILD

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday March 2

Most Colorful and Unusual Use of Seuss Characters:

Seattle's famous Pike Place fishmongers painted fish blue, yellow, and red. Emulating Seuss favorite *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*, they proceeded to toss them back and forth at the Experience Music Project.

Most Flight Time for NEA's Read Across America:

Garth Brooks, who flew from the Grammy Awards in New York to Tennessee, Tennessee to Oklahoma, Oklahoma to Arizona and Arizona to California to conduct NEA's Read Across America readings in each state.

By the Numbers:

- 45 million:** The number of children and adults expected to participate in NEA's Read Across America program in 2010
- 3.2 million:** The number of members of the National Education Association
- 480,000:** The number of red and white striped stovepipe hats that were worn on Read Across America Day
- 350,000:** The number of books NEA members have contributed to restock the shelves of public school libraries devastated by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma
- 35,000 feet:** Highest altitude promise completed by a principal who parachuted out of a plane
- 100,000:** The amount in funds and books donated to public school libraries by The NEA Foundation and the Pearson Foundation,
- 25,000:** The average number of words in the written vocabulary of a 6- to 14-year-old American child in 1945
- \$15,000:** The amount of grant money provided to this year's Youth Leaders for Literacy winners
- 2002:** The year in which the first A-Cat-emy Award was presented to LeVar Burton, co-creator of the PBS classic "The Reading Rainbow"
- 250:** Number of public schoolchildren who gathered for the star-studded "Reading on the Red Carpet" at The New York Public Library for Read Across America Day 2007
- 106:** The number of meteorologists who traded in their weather hats for a reading hat in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday on last year's Read Across America Day
- 106th:** The birthday Dr. Seuss would be celebrating this Read Across America Day
- 55:** The number of national partners of NEA's Read Across America
- 50:** The age of beloved Seuss classic Green Eggs and Ham
- 48:** The number of children's books Dr. Seuss wrote and illustrated during his lifetime
- 40:** The percentage of children who use a technology device to read, most often a computer, according to Scholastic's "Kids and Family Reading Report"
- 20:** The percentage of school-age children who spoke a language other than English at home in 2005
- 13th:** Anniversary of NEA's Read Across America program in 2010
- 2nd:** The date in March for Read Across America Day 2010
- 2nd:** The date of Dr. Seuss' birthday in March
- 1st:** The first Honorary Chair of NEA's Read Across America was Baltimore Oriole Ironman Cal Ripken, Jr.



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