

# Reading



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# Reason

*at Nyack High School*

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Are only Nyack High School students allowed to volunteer to participate?**

**A:** No, all members of the Nyack Schools community are welcome to participate! Teachers, faculty, parents, siblings in other school buildings, Nyack graduates, retired staff members, etc. If you are a part of Nyack, you are welcome to participate! The more participants, hopefully the more donations we can raise.

**Q: I want to participate. How do I sign up?**

**A:** Please fill out the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/dVy2SE4tRvnYGXo37>

**Q: If I'm a student at Nyack High School, is it mandatory to participate?**

**A:** No! This is completely voluntary. No student is obligated to participate in the fundraiser.

**Q: What can or can't I read?**

**A:** You can read anything you want! You can count pages/books that you read for classes, and also books you read on your own for pleasure. You can read fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, magazines, newspapers, etc. You can read print books or eBooks.

**Q: How many pages do I have to read?**

**A:** That is entirely up to you! You set a goal for yourself (25 pages, 50 pages, 100 pages, 300 pages, etc.) and we hope that you succeed in reaching your reading goal! If you don't manage to read as many pages as planned, that's quite alright, as long as you try!

**Q: Do I have to keep track of what I read? And if so, how do I do that?**

**A:** There is a page log that Nyack High School students will need to fill out and submit. You can download it from the Library Schoology Page.

**Q: How much money do I have to collect from sponsors?**

**A:** Sponsors can donate as much or as little as they want to the fundraiser. There are no limits.

**Q: Where will the money collected (donations) from sponsors go?**

**A:** It will be donated to The Sister's Network, in Ms. Georgia Williams' name.

**Q: What is The Sister's Network and why are the donations being collected going there?**

**A:** The Sister's Network was important to Ms. Williams and is an organization that provides funds and support for African American women with breast cancer. You can learn more about the organization here: <https://www.sistersnetworkinc.org/>

**Q: How do I collect donations?**

**A:** Students or others who volunteer to Read and collect donations will submit donations through MyPaymentsPlus. Many students should already have an account (it is the same program used for paying for meals, ordering senior shirts, and other miscellaneous items). Teachers and parents can also create accounts. [Click here for a video on how to use MyPaymentsPlus](#)

**Q: How do I submit a donation?**

**A:** Students who are collecting donations from sponsors can either enter their own credit card information on MyPaymentsPlus and then collect cash or some other form of payment to cover the cost. OR students can login to MyPaymentsPlus then ask for the sponsor's credit card information to enter. Donations can be as little as \$1.00.

**Q: How long will the fundraiser last?**

**A:** Volunteers can sign up to participate starting in November. Reading and donation collection will begin in December. Volunteers have until February 18th to read and collect donations. Donations and page logs are due by the end of the school day on February 22nd.

**Q: What happens after I submit my donations and page logs?**

**A:** Donations will be totaled and page logs will be tallied. Prizes will be awarded to the top readers. A celebration of Ms. Williams will take place at the HS sometime in March. The exact date is to be determined. Details to follow.

**Q: Why is it called Reading for a Reason?**

**A:** The idea for this fundraiser came about as a way to pay homage to English teacher, Ms. Williams, who was a lover of literature and a writer herself. Additionally, it is a way to promote and encourage reading among students. This also supports the mission of the National English Honor Society:

The NEHS motto, "gelast sceal mid are," is Old English for: "duty goes with honor." The motto represents one of the earliest forms of our language—it affirms and celebrates an obligation to use one's gifts in service to others. Service to peers, school, and community is part and parcel of the NEHS mission—and, indeed, in the grammatical structure of the Old English phrase, "duty" actually precedes "honor."

**Q: Why does the fundraiser conclude in March?**

**A:** Unfortunately, March is the month when Ms. Williams passed away, however, March is also National Reading Month.

**Q: What are the goals for Reading for a Reason?**

**A:** The goals are to promote and encourage reading among students, to honor Ms. Williams' memory, and to promote volunteering and doing good for others. We hope to raise a considerable amount of money to donate to The Sister's Network in Ms. Williams' name.

**Q: Who was Ms. Williams?**

**A:** For those of you who don't know, she was an English teacher at Nyack for 22 years. Ms. Williams shared her zest for life with her students, their parents, and her colleagues. She touched and inspired us in a unique and special way. We are grateful for the time she spent with us while making the world a better place. Before coming to teach in Nyack, she was a teacher for the New York City Department of Education. In March 2020, she passed away after a battle with breast cancer. We miss her dearly.

