

# ACES INSIGHTS

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ACES is currently soliciting for **Fencing Materials and Related Services** RFPs. The deadline for submission is February 1st. Next on the list is **Education Technology and Related Services**. Be sure to let us know of vendors that you would like for us to inform about this solicitation. **We are in need of EVALUATORS, so please reach out to me if you would be willing to review submitted proposals.** Be on the lookout for our new website! We hope to go LIVE with the upgraded site within the next month. As always, we are here to support you. Give us a call to see how we can help.

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## Vendor Highlight: Structured Literacy Reading Instruction & Tutoring

### Reading Quest

[Reading Quest](#) provides equitable access to quality reading instruction for all students and empowers them to believe in themselves as they become strong, enthusiastic readers. We believe that learning how to read well is a human right and that closing the education gap between low and high-income students is a powerful tool in combating inequity and poverty. Research shows that teaching reading using structured literacy strategies and direct and explicit instruction aligned with the science of reading works to close this gap. What makes Reading Quest unique is our engaging, fun program which leads to students asking to be tutored by our Reading Specialists and finally enjoying reading!

Reading Quest offers the following services:

- Structured, Multi-Sensory Literacy Reading Tutoring, fully aligned with the science of reading, during and after the school day. We currently offer high-quality reading tutoring for 450 children weekly, individually or in pairs, in grades 1-8, who are reading one or more years below grade



level. We support phonological and phonemic awareness, in addition to building vocabulary and background knowledge, increasing reading comprehension and fluency for all of our students using decodable texts and reading games.

- Professional development, training & coaching for principals, teachers and reading specialists which provides concrete teaching reading strategies aligned with the science of reading and positive classroom management techniques. We also provide literacy training for high school and college-age students who are interested in tutoring, in addition to bilingual parent workshops which provide strategies for supporting their children's reading.
- Intensive Summer Reading is Magic camps for elementary school children during which students make, on average, one year's growth in reading.
- Reading Resources: Teaching videos, word cards, books and reading games are available on our website; [www.readingquestcenter.org](http://www.readingquestcenter.org)

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## Teaching Reading Workshop Aligned to the Science of Reading

This free workshop is designed specifically for teen and adult tutors, teachers, parents and reading specialists who are working with children who are reading at a kindergarten-3rd grade reading level.

# Sunday, February 11 | 1:00-5:00pm

This free reading workshop will provide concrete support for teen and adult tutors and parents, teachers and reading specialists, including: growth mindset, reading rules, phonics and multi-sensory strategies for teaching reading. Our team will share reading resources, creative strategies, and games for teaching reading.





The Reading Quest Read-a-Thon is a fun and engaging event that aims to encourage readers of all levels while helping to support Reading Quest's critical programs.

**PLEASE JOIN THE READING QUEST READ-A-THON  
and give the gift of reading to children in need!  
Visit: [rreadathon.org](http://rreadathon.org) to join the quest.**

Readers of all ages are invited to read as many minutes as possible during the Read-a-Thon, while being sponsored by friends and family. All participants will be eligible for a variety of raffle prizes, and special prizes will be awarded to individuals and teams who raise the most money and/or read the most minutes.

**THE ADVENTURE HAPPENS MARCH 16 - 31!**

[rreadathon.org](http://rreadathon.org)  
[youtube.com/watch?v=ApX8Fwjsc0Q](https://youtube.com/watch?v=ApX8Fwjsc0Q)



Questions? Please contact [naveen@readingquestcenter.org](mailto:naveen@readingquestcenter.org)

## Vendor Highlight: Ancillary Services



### E-Therapy

It's hard to believe, but our partners at E-Therapy are celebrating a milestone — 15 years in the teletherapy business! They're true pioneers in this field, leading the way in connecting schools with vital therapy services wherever they're needed. To give you a sense of how far we've all come, think back to 2009: some of us were just getting the hang of mp3 players or navigating the world with our Tom Tom. It took 9 thumb taps using a flip phone to type "SMS" into the number pad...Time flies, doesn't it?

Throughout these years, E-Therapy hasn't just kept pace with the times; they've been trailblazers, continuously innovating and evolving in the world of teletherapy. As we move through 2024, keep an eye on their journey — it's one to watch and learn from. If you haven't yet explored all the fantastic services they offer, now's the perfect time. Check out their website or drop them a message to say hello. Here's to many more years of success and innovation for E-Therapy!

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