

# LAWYERS FOR LITERACY

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A SIMPLE CONCEPT WITH TANGIBLE RESULTS.

**A DRIVING FORCE TO HELP CHILDREN  
ENTER SCHOOL MORE PREPARED TO LEARN AND MOVE  
THROUGH SCHOOL WITH CONFIDENCE.**

**NEARLY TWO OUT OF  
EVERY FIVE THIRD  
GRADERS IN WYOMING  
VALLEY ARE NOT  
READING PROFICIENTLY  
BY THE END OF  
THIRD GRADE.**

Through an initiative called **LAWYERS FOR LITERACY**, the United Way of Wyoming Valley is proud to partner with our local legal community to help at-risk kids.

**DID YOU KNOW** research shows that third grade reading proficiency is a critical milestone toward high school graduation and success later in life? Third grade marks the transition from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” Students who are not proficient readers by the end of third grade are 25% more likely to drop out of high school and struggle throughout their lives.

**“Lawyers understand the importance of reading. It was a fundamental skill to get into and succeed in law school and, as professionals, we read and write thousands of pages of text to do our jobs each year.”**

**~Attorney Paul Rushton of Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald**

**YOUR SPONSORSHIP OR DONATION** to the **LAWYERS FOR LITERACY** initiative will not only help sustain the United Way’s education programs, it will help improve reading proficiency for thousands of Wyoming Valley children.



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