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DART celebrates Read Across America Week with free rides

Read and Ride partnership includes 15 area libraries

Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is partnering with public libraries to celebrate Read Across America Week with free rides February 27 through March 5.

Public library patrons can ride free by presenting their library card when boarding the bus on any DART <u>Local</u> and <u>Express</u> routes, <u>On Call</u> services and <u>DART On Demand</u>.

Participating libraries include Altoona, Ankeny, Bondurant, Clive, Des Moines, Grimes, Johnston, Pleasant Hill, Urbandale and West Des Moines.

"Much like DART, libraries are community hubs that provide essential resources to residents," said DART Chief External Affairs Officer Erin Hockman. "The Read and Ride partnership reminds riders of the many wonderful benefits their libraries provide and encourages those who don't have a card to sign up and experience the educational and entertaining services our community libraries provide."

Visit any of the libraries in person or online to learn more about how to apply for a library card and for more information on DART's Read and Ride week visit ridedart.com/readandride.

For information about DART services, schedules, routes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100.

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ABOUT DART

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) is lowa's largest, and only, regional transit agency, providing service in and around Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services, providing nearly 4.5 million annual rides that connect thousands of people every day to jobs, school, healthcare and other essential destinations. Twelve member governments make up DART's service area, where the agency carries out its mission to enrich lives, connect communities and expand opportunities for central lowans. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at <u>ridedart.com</u>, download the free MyDART app or call 515-283-8100.