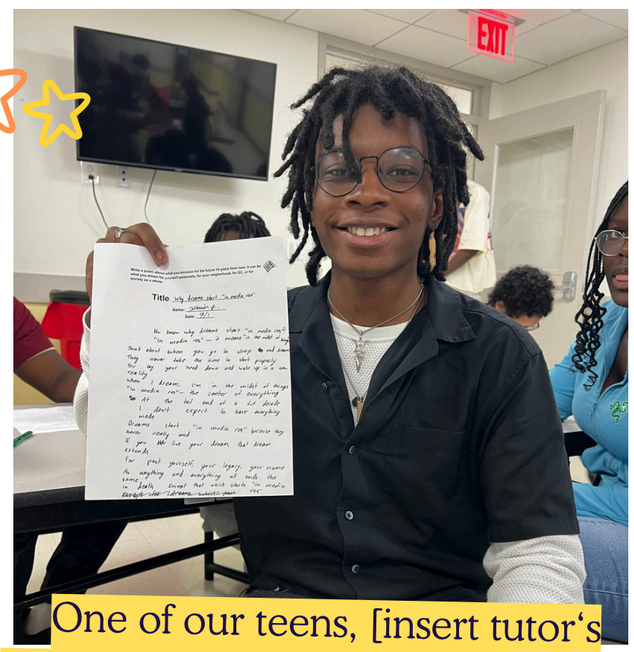
Reach

Reach, Incorporated: Developing grade-level readers, and capable leaders.

Summer Leadership Academy (SLA)

SLA is a 6 week summer program designed to build on gains made by teens during the school year. Through participation in SLA teens **strengthen academic skills, serve their community, explore creative outlets, and learn how to leverage their voices to enact change.** SLA brings together young people from all of Reach's school-year sites for a rigorous and engaging summer experience.



One of our teens, [insert tutor's name], with a poem he wrote during a workshop!

What are Reach teens up to during SLA?

Community Service

Throughout SLA, Reach teens participate in community service. Teens offer volunteer service with local groups, such as Only Make Believe and the Capital Area Food Bank. These days represent opportunities for teens to give back and to understand the power of social and civic engagement.

Passion Projects

Passion projects are independent, self-directed projects that are pursued out of personal interest. Teens have the freedom to decide on a subject and then build a presentation based on the passion hey have identified. Engaging in research, writing, and public speaking, teens are able to combine core components of literacy with fun!

Teen Philanthropy Challenge

"**What ticks you off?**" This question provokes teens to conversation in the first week of SLA. It spurs discussion in small groups where teens are given the opportunity to research a charitable organization addressing the issue that they have raised. Teens develop a pitch in support of the nonprofit they've chosen and then present that pitch in front of their peers and a panel of judges. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners are selected and teens become philanthropists - presenting checks to the organization they identified - bringing about positive change in areas that matter most to them.

Teen Publishing Project

An iconic component of SLA, the Teen Publishing Project enables teens to step into the role of "author." Teens are guided through the writing process by skilled story coaches, but they are given creative control and autonomy. Teens write children's books that become part of the After School Tutoring Program curriculum

Outings and Activities

At SLA, the Reach community concentrates on hard work, collaboration, and shared learning. We also intentionally take the time to have fun together! At SLA, teens visit interesting venues, play games, share in friendly competitions, and bond with their tutor colleagues from across the city.