



SONOMA VALLEY AUTHORS FESTIVAL

# Young Readers Program



## Goal

Sonoma Valley Authors Festival's Young Readers Program is committed to partnering with local donors, local schools, and children's book authors to meaningfully move the needle on youth literacy in Sonoma County.

## Impact

In just two short years since the launch of the Young Readers Program, SVAF has provided more than 2,000 young students in grades K-3 at nine different elementary schools with in-school presentations from award-winning children's book authors. More than 3,000 children's books written by the presenting authors were given to K-5 students by SVAF in 2024/2025, all paid for with private funds.

Its sister program, *Students Day* at Sonoma Valley High School has served 14,300 students and provided over 21,000 books, written by the presenting authors, free to the students, over the past eight years.

## Key Partner

Read On Sonoma / [www.readonsonoma.org](http://www.readonsonoma.org)





## Donors

The cost to produce both SVAF's Students Day and its Young Readers Program is substantial but it remains an integral component of the full Sonoma Valley Authors Festival experience, allowing us to contribute meaningfully to the inspiration and education of the next generation of book lovers. We work with many Donor Advised Funds, Family Foundations, and Community Foundations to make Students Day a continuing success. Recent donors include Sonoma Valley Education Foundation, Community Foundation Sonoma County, author Jeanne Walker Harvey, author Mellody Hobson as well as individual CFSC donors.

## Participating Elementary Schools

Prestwood School, El Verano School, Sassarini Elementary, Flowery Elementary, Kenwood Elementary School, The Presentation School, St. Francis Solano School, Woodland Star Charter School and Sonoma Charter School.



Now entering its ninth year, the Sonoma Valley Authors Festival has brought over 150 authors from a variety of literary genres and speakers who discuss advances being made in science, technology, and medicine. **Please consider supporting our efforts** by becoming a 2026 Festival Sponsor or Donor today. This year, we hope new funding will allow us to serve even more students, including thousands of young scholars from additional schools.

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