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**TO:** School District Superintendents  
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**FROM:** Lynda Collins, Early Learning Supervisor  
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**DATE:** September 19, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Read for the Record on October 2, 2008

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### INFORMATION TO SHARE

Join Wyoming Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Jim McBride, as he reads to students in Wyoming for the Read for the Record Campaign. Jumpstart's Read for the Record is a national campaign to encourage hundreds of thousands of children and adults to read the same book, *Corduroy*, on the same day, October 2, 2008. The expansive shared reading experience is intended to raise public awareness about the early education gap that exists between income levels, as well as to raise money to support Jumpstart's national early education programs.

Reading activities on October 2, 2008 can range from personal sessions between an adult and a child to big group events with hundreds of people gathering together for a large community reading session. The attached documents include guidelines for registering and event documentation sheets. Register your event, no matter how small or large, to be counted in the participation numbers for Wyoming. Online event kits can be found at [http://www.readfortherecord.org/site/PageServer?pagename=events\\_event\\_kit\\_all\\_tools](http://www.readfortherecord.org/site/PageServer?pagename=events_event_kit_all_tools).

If you need additional information, please contact Jillian Balow at (307) 777-7775 or [jbalow@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:jbalow@educ.state.wy.us).

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Attachments



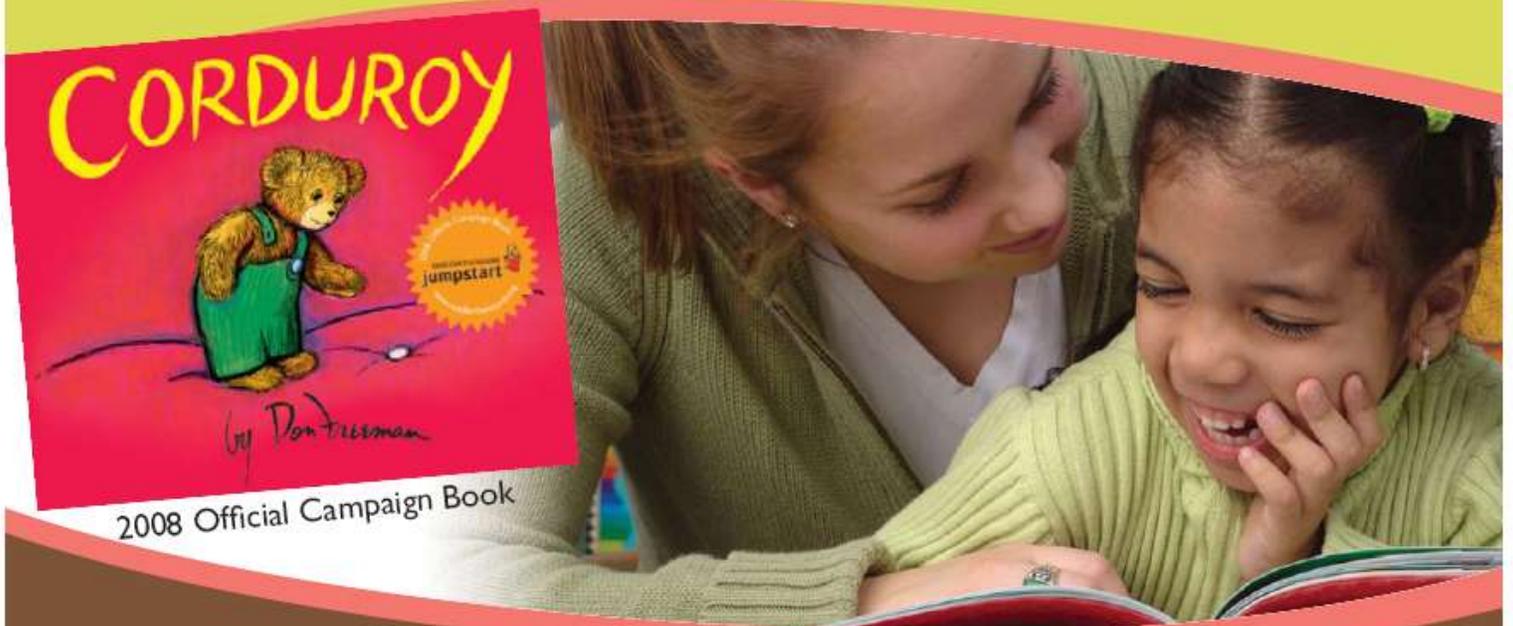
One day. One book.  
For children everywhere.

**October 2, 2008.**

## **HELP US SET A WORLD RECORD...**

**Thursday, October 2**

Join Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Dr. Jim McBride  
in reading Corduroy to Wyoming students  
as we work to bring national attention to the  
importance of early childhood education.



### **Jumpstart's Read for the Record®**

Help us bring national attention to the importance of early childhood education by making Jumpstart's Read for the Record the largest shared reading experience ever. You can make a difference just by reading with one child in your life. Even better, help put a copy of Corduroy into the hands of a child by donating a book at [www.readfortherecord.org/books](http://www.readfortherecord.org/books). So join us and take action on October 2, 2008.

**[www.readfortherecord.org](http://www.readfortherecord.org)**



One day. One book. For children everywhere.  
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Event Name: XXXXXX  
Event Location: XXXXX

**EVENT SIGN-IN SHEET – OCTOBER 2, 2008**

Event Organizer: XXXXXX  
Email: xxxxx@xxxx.xxx  
Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

First Name (Adult)	Last Name (Adult)	Signature (Adult)*	Email/Mailing Address (Adult)	# of Children In Your Group
<b>Total # of Children</b>				
<b>(please also enter the event total on the bottom of the last sign-in sheet if multiple sheets)</b>				

Following your event, please visit [www.readfortherecord.org/recordcount](http://www.readfortherecord.org/recordcount) and fill out the survey to let us know how many children were at your event to help us get a preliminary count.

**PLEASE MAIL SIGN-IN SHEETS & WITNESS VERIFICATION STATEMENT TO:**  
Jumpstart's Read for the Record, Attn: GWR, PO Box 52568, Boston, MA 02205-8322  
**(Originals must be mailed in to be counted towards the record)**

**\*I acknowledge that by signing, I am agreeing to have this information submitted to break the record for the Most Children Reading with an Adult, Multiple Locations.**

# Guide to Registering Process

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**When to use this process:** When you are hosting an event for Jumpstart's Read for the Record

**Why you need to follow this process:** Jumpstart needs this documentation in order to break last year's record.

**What materials do you need:** [Sign in sheet](#) and [witness verification statement](#).

## **Instructions:**

### **Sign-in sheet:**

- Fill in the information at the top of each sign-in sheet
  - Event name
  - Event location
  - Event organizer
  - Email
  - Phone #
- Print out sign-in sheets (as many as you need to record each reading group at your event)
- Make sure the adult from each reading group fills in the sign-in sheet
  - First name
  - Last name
  - Signature
  - Email/ mailing address
  - # of children in their group (up to 35 children per adult)
- Add up the # of children and write total at the bottom of the sign in sheet

### **Witness Verification Statement:**

- Print out one witness verification statement
- Find someone who is willing to be the witness for your event
  - This person must attend the entire event
  - This person cannot be a Jumpstart employee
  - This person cannot be an adult who has also signed the sign-in sheet
- Ensure the witness fills out the appropriate information in the blank spaces in the statement
  - Name
  - Event name
  - City, State
  - # of children (**NOTE: This # must match the total # of children on the sign-in sheets in order for your event to count toward breaking the record!**)
  - Signature and date
  - Contact Information (below statement)

## **After the Event:**

Following your event, please visit [www.readfortherecord.org/recordcount](http://www.readfortherecord.org/recordcount) and fill out the survey to let us know how many children were at your event to help us get a preliminary count.

***In order for your event to count for the world record, please send your completed sign-in sheet and witness verification statement to: Jumpstart's Read for the Record, PO Box 52568, Boston, MA 02205-8322 Attn: GWR***



# Event Builder / Finder Guidelines

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Thank you for your interest in Jumpstart's Read for the Record campaign! In order to assist you in hosting and finding Jumpstart's Read for the Record events in your community we have launched our event builder/finder tool.

## **This tool allows you to:**

**Build your own event** – Use our event builder to host an event at your home, library, school, community center or another location and help us set another world record for the largest shared reading experience! Using this tool you will be able to register your event time, location, contact information, number of guests expected, event descriptions, pictures, and much more! You are also able to upload your email contacts to send invitations (templates provided) to your friends, family, and co-workers to invite them to join your Jumpstart's Read for the Record event! Events can be registered as public (open to anyone) or private (invite only).

**Find an event in your community** – Looking for an event to join on October 2<sup>nd</sup>? Look no further! Our event finder will allow you to search by event title, city, state, or zip code for an event near you to ensure you don't miss out on your chance to be a part of Jumpstart's world record attempt this October 2<sup>nd</sup>!

## **How do I use the event builder?**

1. Visit <http://www.readfortherecord.org/2008events>
2. Choose your option of "Host an Event" on the right side of the screen.
3. Follow the steps provided and fill in your event information

*\*Please note – if you have a readfortherecord.org username and password please make sure you are signed in before registering. If you DO NOT have a username and password you will be asked to sign up during your event registration.*

## **How do I use the event finder?**

1. Visit <http://www.readfortherecord.org/2008events>
2. Choose your option "Find an event to attend" on the right side of the screen.
3. Enter your search criteria (event title, city, state, and/or zip code)

*\*Please note – you are able to search by one criteria (i.e. state only) and do not need complete event information in order to find an event.*

## **To qualify for the Guinness World Record (GWR) attempt:**

**All individuals – hosts and participants should review the [online event kit](#) before participating to ensure they are staying within GWR guidelines and remain eligible for the record attempt.**

## Jumpstart's Read for the Record Witness Verification

### Who can verify the number of children participating at my event?

The independent witness should be someone within the local community who attended the entirety of the event, and can confirm sign-in and participation information. The witness **cannot** be a Jumpstart employee or an adult that has signed the sign-in form.

For example, if a school is participating, each teacher reading to their class would sign the sign-in sheet, indicating the number of children in their class (maximum of 35 children per adult). The principal could then serve as the witness, as long as the principal did not also sign the sign-in form (essentially, the verifying witness should not be a participant him/herself, but should instead have the sole role of verification). The witness should also verify the total number of children participating in the event by reviewing the sign-in sheet(s) and witnessing the reading. If needed, more than one witness can submit statements.

Following your event, please visit [www.readfortherecord.org/recordcount](http://www.readfortherecord.org/recordcount) and fill out the survey to let us know how many children were at your event to help us get a preliminary count.

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### Sample Witness Verification Statement (please have the witness submit this information on a separate page and if possible, their own letterhead):

I, \_\_\_\_\_ **(name)** \_\_\_\_\_ verify I attended the \_\_\_\_\_ **(Event Name)** \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ **(City, State)** \_\_\_\_\_ on October 2, 2008. I confirm that adult participants signed the sign-in sheet only once and indicated the number of children they were reading with, for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ **(total #)** \_\_\_\_\_ children participating. During the event, adults read with groups of children containing 35 children or less.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

### Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_