

Volunteer Opportunity Description

Event/Program: Read ME Agriculture 2024

Volunteer Position: Volunteer Reader

Location: Knox and/or Lincoln County school(s)

Date(s): **March 18-22, 2024** (pick and choose 1 or more days)

Please [register to volunteer](#) by Friday, March 1, 2024, or sooner!

What is Read ME Agriculture?

Read ME Agriculture has reached more than 100,000 Maine students since 2008, and 700+ classrooms annually. During Read ME Ag Week, volunteers read and give books about agriculture to Pre-Kindergarten - 4th grade classrooms. Read more about [Read ME Agriculture](#) on our website.

What is a Volunteer Reader?

Volunteer Readers sign up to read a selected book to one or more Pre-Kindergarten through 4th grade classrooms in Knox and/or Lincoln counties during Read ME Ag Week (March 18-22, 2024). This year's book is [The Wakame Gatherers](#) written by Holly Thompson and illustrated by Kazumi Wilds, which highlights the themes of seaweed aquaculture and cross-cultural connections between Maine and Japan.

Who can be a Volunteer Reader?

This volunteer opportunity is fantastic for any adult who enjoys working with children and/or is interested in sharing knowledge about food systems and agriculture with children.

Additional details

- Volunteer Readers can plan on a **time commitment** of about 30 minutes per classroom. Volunteers may also want to spend an additional 20-60 minutes of advanced preparation to review the book and should also factor in time for driving to the school(s). We try to match volunteers to schools near their hometowns to minimize driving time.
- We encourage Volunteer Readers to **read for multiple classrooms**—but reading in just one classroom is also appreciated
- All **materials**, including the book, any activities, etc. are provided to Volunteer Readers free of charge
- We make sure volunteers are **well-supported and confident** in their responsibilities

Sign up to volunteer!

Register to volunteer by Friday, March 1 or sooner by filling out [this form](#). Contact louisa@knox-lincoln.org with any questions.

The statewide Read ME Ag program is organized by [Maine Agriculture in the Classroom \(MAITC\)](#). Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District partners with MAITC to coordinate Read ME Ag in Knox and Lincoln counties.

