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## **How Many Books Can We Read in an Hour?**

### ***Everybody Wins! Vermont and National Life Host Seventh Annual Read-a-thon***

**Saturday, January 21, 1 p.m.  
National Life Building, 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier**

Everybody Wins! Vermont, a children's literacy and mentoring program, will hold its sixth annual Read-a-thon at the National Life Building in Montpelier on Saturday, January 21, from 1 - 3:30 p.m.

All are invited to participate in this family friendly event. Mentors in the Everybody Wins! Vermont mentoring program, their elementary grade "mentees" and their families, National Life employees, and members of the community will gather to read aloud books in celebration of National Mentoring Month! The group will strive to break last year's record of 823 books read. The event will also feature entertainment from the Swing Peepers, milk and cookies, and a hidden "Golden Ticket" --redeemable for prizes from Bear Pond Books-- in the books.

Teams and individuals are invited (but not required!) to collect pledges for their reading session, which National Life will match dollar for dollar!

#### **About Everybody Wins! Vermont**

Everybody Wins! Vermont is a not-for-profit literacy and mentoring organization dedicated to increasing children's prospects for success in school and beyond through one-to-one reading experiences with caring adults. More than 600 EW! VT mentors read with elementary school students at 22 schools. The program's simple equation—one mentor, one child, one book at a time—produces astounding results, improving both the skills and love of reading.