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Quick Facts

- Rock Hill is joining 50 million readers in Read Across America, a nationwide celebration of reading.
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ROCK HILL, S.C. - The **Cat in the Hat** is coming to York County.

Rock Hill is joining 50 million readers in **Read Across America**, a nationwide celebration of reading. In honor of what would have been the **100th birthday of Dr. Seuss**, **Winthrop University's chapter of the South Carolina Education Association** is organizing a local "**Seussentennial**" to encourage students' passion for reading.

More than 40 Winthrop students are spending Friday, March 26, reading books by the beloved **Dr. Seuss** to children at three elementary schools. **Kathy Pender**, Rock Hill City Council member and former Rock Hill school board chair, will also join the fun by reading to classes at Finley Road Elementary. **Thing One**, **Thing Two**, and the seven-foot tall **Cat-in-the-Hat** also will be on hand to share a love for reading. At each school, the Cat will present copies of books by Dr. Seuss from the **Winthrop SCEA**.

"We know that reading opens the doors to achievement," said **Rachel Collopy**, assistant professor of education and advisor to the Winthrop SCEA. "So from coast to coast, teachers, celebrities, community members, and parents are joining together to find ways to encourage our children's passion for reading. Winthrop's education students are committed to children and, as future teachers, are excited to join in the celebration with other local educators."

Hundreds of other schools in South Carolina are participating in the seventh annual **Read Across America**, the largest reading event in the nation. This nationwide reading party is part of NEA's "**Read Across America**," sponsored by the **National Education Association** and many of America's leading literacy, youth and civic groups. For more information on **NEA's Read Across America celebrations** and the **Seussentennial**, check out the websites at <http://www.nea.org/readacross> and <http://www.seussville.com/seussentennial/events2.html>.

For more information, contact Collopy at 803-323-2581.

Here is the schedule:

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. – Finley Road Elementary School
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. – Sylvia Circle Elementary
- 1-2 p.m. – Oakdale Elementary School

Who's Who on March 26:

Cat in the Hat: Devon Robinson
 Thing 1: Erin Mitchelltree
 Thing 2: Stephanie Anderson
 Celebrity reader: Kathy Pender

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