

GRAHAM THOMPSON VOLUNTEER READERS

This past fall, Graham Thompson attorneys enjoyed a little adventure and animation with storybook classics like Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss and Julia Cook's My Mouth is a Volcano.

Managing partner Judith Whitehead and partner Anastasia Campbell participated in a Literacy Day at the T. G. Glover Primary School, an initiative spearheaded by The Volunteer Reading Project. The Project is an exciting volunteer based outreach programme that targets government primary schools. The programme was developed a little over a year ago, by Laurenne McDonald.



“This was a great way to spend my birthday! The students welcomed me like I was one of their own.”

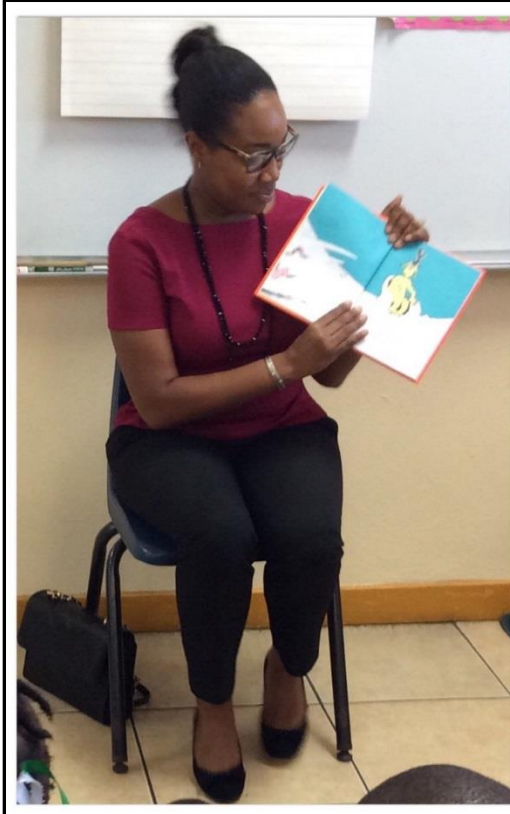
“I read ‘The Summer Nick Taught His Cats to Read’. The students shared with me the activities they liked to do with their friends including playing make believe like Nick and his cats Verne and Stevenson.”

Michela Barnett Ellis
Volunteer Reader

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Graham Thompson partner, Michela Barnett Ellis reads to a first grade class at the Albury Sayle's Primary School. Photo credit Laurenne McDonald, The Volunteer Reading Project.

Since the Project's launch in September 2016, more than 100 readers have volunteered their time, benefitting public primary schools throughout New Providence. By the end of the 2016-2017 school year, The Volunteer Reading Project had donated more than 830 books to school libraries and over 200 students were gifted books for summer reading.



“What an amazing experience! The children were animated and involved – it was an absolute blast.”

“We read ‘Green Eggs and Ham’, which was conceptually utterly gross at the start of the book and garnered a resounding, “Eeeeeeeeeewwwwwww”. By the turn of the last page, the entire class was fully on board with trying green eggs and ham. Several students even wanted to add hot sauce! The power of the imagination was on full display, which was the most enjoyable part of the experience.”

Anastasia Campbell
Volunteer Reader

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Students of Grade 1 Storr-Bullard at the T. G. Glover Primary School, enjoy a Dr. Seuss classic read by Graham Thompson partner Anastasia Campbell. Photo credit Laurene McDonald, The Volunteer Reading Project.

At the T. G. Glover Literacy Day, Whitehead read the book “My Mouth is a Volcano” to a third grade class and Campbell shared “Green Eggs and Ham” with a first grade class. Graham Thompson attorneys participating in the Project have also included partners Aliya Allen who participated in a reading day at the Stephen Dillet Primary School, and Michela Barnett-Ellis, who was a volunteer reader at the Albury Sayles Primary School’s literacy day.

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