

Monroe Street Freedom School

June 16 through July 25, 2025



Freedom School is a well-established summer program for children to strengthen reading skills and experience new opportunities to grow and serve.

Monroe Street has offered Freedom School since 2017. As always, the heart of Freedom School is **reading instruction**. We also include **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) in our afternoon enrichment activities along with **outdoor activities** and **field trips**. **Guest readers** from the community will be part of our opening activities each day.

For 8 years Monroe Street Freedom School has effectively prevented the loss of reading skills, empowering children as learners, engaging students in community service, and helping build positive self-esteem. Testing has consistently shown that most students maintain or increase their reading level, overcoming the usual "summer slide" of reading skills.

Freedom School 2025 will include:

- ✚ 50 scholars
- ✚ 5 Servant Leader Interns (teachers)
- ✚ 1 Site Manager
- ✚ 1 Project Director
- ✚ 1 Executive Director
- ✚ Many volunteers
- ✚ 1 in-house chef
- ✚ Breakfast, lunch, and snack daily
- ✚ 30 read-aloud guests
- ✚ Financial support from local churches, community organizations, businesses





What does Freedom School cost?

Freedom School costs approximately \$1500 per child – for staff, reading curriculum, meals, enrichment activities, and supplies.

Financial support of Freedom School is through grants and donations. **Donations** are most gratefully received and can be sent to:

Monroe Street Neighborhood Center
3613 Monroe Street
Toledo OH 43606

Would you like to help with Freedom School?

Many volunteers are needed to help with lunch, read with children, and staff the sign-in table. For more information and to sign up, go to <https://monroesnc.com/freedom-school-volunteers/> or email babc1743@gmail.com

Volunteer Recognition will be part of the 2025 Freedom School Finale on **Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m.**

