

WONDER WORDS

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**MORE THAN 100 IDEAS TO HELP PARENTS RAISE ACTIVE READERS, CRITICAL THINKERS THE  
SUBJECT OF NEW BOOK BY DR. CURTIS L. IVERY**

***The Wonder of Words* Includes Insight from Years of Work in Supporting Early  
Learning, Literacy, and Educational Equity**

DETROIT, Mich. – Jan. 21, 2020 – A new book from nationally honored educational leader and Wayne County Community College District Chancellor Dr. Curtis L. Ivery shares more than 100 tips and ideas that parents can use to raise active readers and critical thinkers. *The Wonder of Words: A Parent's Guide for Raising Children Who Read*, gives out-of-the-box ideas that make reading fun and open children's imaginations to foster an early love for creativity, curiosity, and learning.

"This book is the culmination of years of thought and passion about supporting early reading as a vital foundation to critical thinking, a joy for learning, and intellectual and personal growth," Ivery said. "It has been an honor to champion early learning through decades of work and support with my wife, Ola. We remain dedicated to helping to build strong thinkers and learners who will grow to become strong leaders in our community."

Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to The Wayne County Community College District Student Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Curtis L. Ivery has been a national thought leader, educator, author, equity advocate and force for change for more than two decades. Ivery has assembled academic, community, business, religious, and government leaders at the table across a series of roundtables, think tanks, and conferences to develop real-world strategies to expand educational equity in the southeast Michigan region, and across the nation. Dr. Ivery credits early reading with fueling a lifelong passion for learning and intellectual growth.

“My parents were my first teachers,” Ivery said. “*Wonder of Words* is intended to foster that deep appreciation for the world of imagination and thought in the home as early as possible to grow the next generation of leaders.”

The hardcover book will be published in February 2020 by Micro Publishing Media and is priced at \$14.95. The book will be available on all major book retailer sites, as well as all WCCCD campus bookstores.