

Ideas For Community Projects

Getting Started

Consult the kids! They will let you know their areas of interest and needs.

Partner with other community and service organizations for funding and ideas.

First Book (www.firstbook.org/ila) - Increasing educational opportunities for kids in need. Serving communities that have 70% or more children from low-income families, and/or qualify for Title I assistance.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (www.imaginationlibrary.com). Become or support a local sponsor to help preschool children receive free books at home every month for the first five years of life.

Some Ideas That Have Worked

Read and Feed

Book drives pairing with Rotary Clubs that can volunteer to read and donate books to various grade levels.

Reading to Senior Citizens

Pairing with a local service organization for tutoring programs

Make sure lower-income students have books to take home for the summer.

Establish a Kid's Club to help with an existing community need.

Arkansas Local Community Service Award Winners (ILA)

2012 - Jefferson County Reading Council - Susan Bitely - First Place

2006 - Jefferson County Reading Council - Paula D. Findley - Read Across America - Third Place

2005 - White River Reading Council - Julie Huskey - Run To Read - Third Place

1997 - Arkadelphia Reading Council - Sharing Literacy: A Day Care Project - Second Place

Our Council's Literacy Projects

Books for Children's Hospital patients (Little Rock)

Francis Allen School for Exceptional Children in Little Rock - Provided books to be read by volunteers and then given to students (multiple copies for small groups), as well as brochures on the importance of reading.

Books and magazines for Dorcas House (shelter) for children and adults.

Books and brochures for Babies (Health Department)

Books for childcare centers.