Project READ Volunteer Information Sheet

Our mission is to foster literacy and a love of reading by distributing free books to children and families in need through collaboration with community partners.

Project READ's Book Donation Center is located at 661 Lyons Road; Centerville, OH 45459. We have over 14 book donation bins located throughout the Miami Valley. Project READ believes in building literacy through collaboration and partners with more than 40 organizations to distribute books to children and adults in need. Project READ has distributed more 200,000 books and reach thousands of children and families each year. Our need for good-quality gently used books is never ending.

Earn 25 volunteer/service hours by:

- Conducting a book drive and collecting children/adult books at your school, church, work place, or even in your neighborhood! Volunteer hours can include promoting the drive on social media, email, and word of mouth- however you can get the word out. Hours can also be earned by boxing up the books collected and transporting them to our donation center. You can browse, batch, and box books for distribution to organizations serving children and families in need. Helpful tips to organize your drive are provided in our Book Drive Tool Kit which outlines all the details about conducting a book drive, FAQs, Project READ's Factsheet, Flyers, and wrap up information. We can also supply book donation bins.
- Help us collect books from our donation bins located throughout the Miami Valley, deliver them to our donation center, and sort the books for distribution to our community partners serving those in need.
- Represent Project READ at off-site book distributions at community events. Support a staff member or a Project READ Volunteer Ambassador at these events, assisting kids and families in choosing free books to take home.

Studies show that being read to as a child and having books in the home are the two most important indicators of future academic success. The number of books in the home correlates to future reading achievement. Two-thirds of low-income families do not own a single children's book. Dayton has a 29.6% poverty rate - illiteracy is a root cause of poverty.

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