



**2014 ALSC Charlemae Rollins President's Program
The Ripple Effect: Library Partnerships that Positively Impact
Children, Families, Communities, and Beyond
Resource Guide**

In this guide, we highlight innovative library partnerships from across the country as inspiration for your library's outreach efforts. With the assistance of the ALSC Quicklist Committee and ALSC Great Websites for Kids Committee, we also offer a list of print and online resources to help you strengthen your relationship with community organizations in an effort to improve access to library services to children.

Innovative Library Collaborations
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Ready to Read: Play and Learn- Hmong Edition

Appleton Public Library (Appleton, WI)

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Appleton Public Library (APL) partners with the Appleton Area School District (AASD) to provide outreach services to Hmong families in their community. They employ Yee Lee Vue, a part-time Hmong Family Outreach Specialist, to introduce families to the early literacy skills outlined in "Every Child Ready to Read." In turn, Vue encourages parents to have their children participate in a developmental screening provided by AASD. The school district then refers children who are in need of services to Head Start, Even Start, or another related program.

In 2013, APL met about 48 Hmong families which included nearly 100 children under the age of five years. Of those children, six were enrolled in Title I preschool and one was enrolled in Head Start as a direct result of APL's outreach efforts and partnership with AASD and other area agencies.

Learn more: <http://nyx.apl.org/kids/preschool> and <http://youtu.be/hzCAYPVnfPI>.

Racing to Read To-Go

Springfield-Greene County Library District (Springfield, MO)

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The Springfield-Greene County Library District (SGCLD) partners with several community organizations that serve high-risk families through an early literacy outreach program called "Racing to Read To-Go." This IMLS-funded program has been operating since October 2013 and currently has nine partners including Women, Infants and Children, Parents as Teachers, the Greene County Health Department, and others. These organizations receive targeted training for their staff about early literacy and ways to promote it. SGCLD also provides programming and free books for their clients while building connections to library services.

In the first year of the program, 176 staff members of partnering organizations were trained and 1300 adults (e.g. parents and caregivers) received early literacy trainings from library staff or attended early literacy library programs through "Racing to Read To-Go" partners.

Learn more: <http://thelibrary.org/racingtoread>.

Health & Wellness Services

Kansas City Public Library (Kansas City, MO)

Contact: April Roy, aprilroy@kclibrary.org

The Kansas City Public Library partners with the Truman Medical Center to provide fitness classes, medical career mentoring for teens, and a mobile fruit and vegetable market. Health fairs offer free medical screenings for library patrons and an opportunity to consult with nurses and pharmacists at no cost.

Learn more: <http://youtu.be/8hX0tKJ-QK4>.

Library Stars

La Crosse Public Library (La Crosse, WI)

Contact: Sara Bryce, sara@lacrosselibrary.org

La Crosse Public Library partnered with their local school district to offer an interactive library tour for all second graders in their service area. Nearly 60% of students who had not been library users became active members after their tour. The school district saw so much value in the project that they've now extended the opportunity to kindergarteners and seventh graders, each getting their own developmentally appropriate tours.

Learn more: <http://brycedontplay.blogspot.com/2012/03/collaborating-with-teachers.html>.

Bus to Books

Glen Ellyn Public Library (Glen Ellyn, IL)

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Glen Ellyn Public Library offers an eight-week summer program which provides transportation and activities for underserved youth called "Bus to Books." The goal of the program is to encourage children and families to continue reading while school is not in session. Costs for this program are subsidized through community partnerships with the local school district, YMCA, and the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association.

Learn more: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2004-08-18/news/0408170161_1_library-cards-free-library-services-open-books.

Homeschool Fun Friday

Cumberland County Public Library (Cumberland, NC)

Contact: Mya Watson, mwatson@cumberland.lib.nc.us

Cumberland County Public Library offers a monthly program for their local homeschool community. This is made possible through collaboration with several homeschool support groups and the owner of a local homeschool consignment bookstore. Program attendance has grown from 14 to 48 during the first three months.

Learn more: <http://cumberland.lib.nc.libguides.com/homeschool>.

Early Literacy Buffet

San Francisco Public Library (San Francisco, CA)

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San Francisco Public Library hosts an annual Early Literacy Buffet each spring. The entire event is planned and presented in partnership with members of the San Francisco Early Literacy Network (ELN). The event includes a hot breakfast, partnership showcase, keynote, breakout sessions presented by ELN Members, and set of new books. ELN partners show a united front of support to local early childhood educators. The Early Literacy Buffet supports, nurtures, and inspires educators who return to the classroom with new ideas and resources.

Learn more: <http://sfearlyliteracynetwork.blogspot.com>.

Read to Succeed

Chandler Public Library (Chandler, AZ)

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Arizona has a new requirement that all third graders must read at grade level to pass. In response, the Chandler Public Library created a tutoring program, "Read to Succeed," which matches literacy volunteers with first graders who are reading at least one year below grade level. Students whose participation has been consistent have had a dramatic increase in reading skills.

Key partners in "Read to Succeed" are the Chandler Unified School District and other members of the Chandler Education Coalition. This program has been so successful, it has led to the establishment of "Read on Chandler," a widespread collaboration of community organizations and businesses committed to ensuring that every child, birth through five years, obtains the necessary literacy skills for school readiness.

Books by Snail

Daniel Boone Regional Library (Columbia, MO)

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The Daniel Boone Regional Library collaborates with eight county school districts to offer “Books by Snail.” Through this program, children living in the library’s rural service area can check out books and participate in summer reading through the mail. Participants often refer to “Books by Snail” as the “Netflix” of summer reading.

Parents may sign up online or through the mail using a paper form that is distributed to all county schools in early April. Once registered, a child can borrow up to three books at a time and the library will mail them directly to the child’s home. Book deliveries begin in May and continue through July.

In 2013, over 1,500 books were mailed to 289 children. This resulted in 701 book deliveries over the course of eight weeks. Postage, promotion, and staffing costs are all subsidized by an IMLS grant.

Learn more: <http://booksbysnail.org>.

Professional Resources

Compiled by the ALSC Quicklists Committee

Books

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Websites, Wikis and Blogs

National Organizations Serving Children and Youth (ALSC Liaison with National Organizations Committee)

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/externalrelationships/organizations>

One Book 4 Colorado

<http://www.onebook4colorado.org>

School/Public Library Cooperative Programs

The AASL/ALSC/YALSA Interdivisional Committee on School/Public Library Cooperation

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/schoolplcoop>

Sharing One Story: Read Across Lawrence for Kids

<http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2012/10/sharing-one-story-read-across-lawrence-for-kids>

Storyblocks

<http://www.storyblocks.org>

Youth Services Librarianship Wiki: School Library and Public Library Collaboration

<https://youthserviceslibrarianship.wikispaces.com/School+Library+and+Public+Library+Collaboration>