

District 7040 Literacy Project Database

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Purpose

March was Literacy month. There are a lot of great literacy projects going on in our district: homework clubs, teaching reading to kids in Ghana, building a library in a local community housing project. And that`s just my own club! But I certainly don`t know about all the excellent work that is being done throughout our district. Perhaps there are some great ideas out there for a new project.

I believe that we can increase the quantity and quality of literacy projects in our district by sharing what all the clubs are doing:

- to give Rotarians ideas for new projects,
- to give Rotarians ideas to strengthen existing projects
- to create a literacy network in the district
- to offer district support

For these reasons, we have created a database of District 7040 literacy projects.

Results

The value of the database is directly proportional to the response from our clubs. The more clubs that participate, the more we will have to share. Here is the club response to the request for information on literacy projects.

No Response	45
Responded and do not currently have a literacy project	5
Responded and reported on their projects	16
Total	66

The six-page database includes entries for each club in the district.

As you can imagine, there are many interesting projects on the go in our district:

- Reading to kids (Arnprior, Champlain-Rouses Point, Malone). This can be especially important during the summer. Arnprior, Cornwall and Kingston have summer reading programs
- Buying books for kids in need (Cataraqi-Kingston, Eganville, Kingston, Watertown Sunrise, West Ottawa). West Ottawa is starting up a program to purchase dictionaries for kids in need.
- Purchasing books for kids as speaker gifts (Massena, Nepean-Kanata)
- Projects during Literacy Month (Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh Sunrise)
- Several clubs have at least one community and one WCS literacy project

The database is available on request from Bill Robinson, and will be sent to each club president.

Club	Contact	Project Description
Alexandria Bay		No response
Arnprior	Dave Palmer dave.w.palmer@rogers.com	<u>Who is Nobody?</u> This project is a literacy based project that encourages students to pick a project that helps others. The students create a scrapbook filled with their written descriptions of their projects. The students also must make an oral presentation on their project. Each new kit costs \$250. Effort required includes contacting local educators, describing the project with videos and past success stories, purchasing the kit, and attending and supporting the final celebration ceremony. The Arnprior Rotary Club began in 2009 with two schools participating. In 2010-2011 the Club now sponsors 4 classes in 4 different schools.
Arnprior	Dave Palmer dave.w.palmer@rogers.com	<u>Summer Reading Program</u> The Arnprior Library has a summer reading program to encourage children to continue to read during the summer months. The annual cost is \$500. The effort required includes communication with library staff and the financial contribution. This project has been ongoing for a number of years. The library is very appreciative and the project does encourage summer reading.
Au Sable		No response
Brockville		No response
Canton		No response
Carleton Place & Mississippi Mills		No response
Catarauqui-Kingston	Marcia Shannon marciaspath@cogeco.ca	We aided in the establishment of a collection of children's books at the Wally Elmer Community Centre, the Centre having been targeted as a sweat equity project by our membership several years ago; developing the children's collection is one of many activities pursued by the Club at the Centre.
Champlain-Rouses Point	Nancy Cook susan1889@hotmail.com	We read to a third grade class on a weekly (October to December) and monthly (February to June) basis. They love having us come and ask what's wrong if we don't make it!!! We have purchased them books as gifts from our club, and made book bags to go over their chairs to hold their books, when they don't have room. Annual cost varies--depending on the needs. Effort required: most of our small group work so it means going to school 8:30-9:00 in the morning, before going to work. We all enjoy it and put the effort into it --so it stays successful
Chateaugay		No response
Chesterville		No response
Clayton		No response
Cornwall	Lee Cassidy leecassidy@cogeco.ca	Our literacy budget is \$1000 We have supported the local library "Ride to Read" summer program for youth. Children are given a pass to ride the bus to the library and a record is kept of the number of books read by each child. Draw prizes are awarded. Our Club supplied a back pack for all participants imprinted with the library logo and Rotary wheel - Cornwall Rotary. We supported a program of the local Jr hockey team "Cornwall Colts". Team members go into grade schools and read with students - the "award" - having hockey players in the classroom and tickets to the game. We developed a program "Teaching the Trainer" - training high school students to assist in our local Tri-county Literacy association.

		<p>We assisted in stocking grade school libraries.</p> <p>This year we will be working with the Boys' and Girls' Club. They have just opened a new centre and we will be providing computer literacy programs.</p>
Cornwall Sunrise		No response
Eganville	<p>Dave Clark goldenlakeclarks@gmail.com</p>	<p>We supply an annual stipend of \$600 to the Bonnechere Union Library for the purchase of childrens books to encourage young readers.</p> <p>We support post secondary education by offering \$2500 in bursary awards</p> <p>We paid the enrolment fee of a mature student who could not afford the cost.</p>
Gananoque		No response
Gouverneur		No response
Hull		No response
Huntingdon		No response
Iqaluit		No response
Kemptville	<p>Jennifer Franssen Jennifer.Franssen@ps-sp.gc.ca</p>	Does not currently have a literacy project
Kingston	<p>Dwight Boyce dwight.boyce@irpkingston.com</p>	<p><u>Library Card In Every Hand</u></p> <p>Started in 2003 in cooperation with the Kingston Public Library and local school boards, to ensure that every grade one child had an opportunity to visit the library. Schools were solicited by their board office to participate. Our club paid for 50% of the travel budget (if a school took a bus) and this cost us about \$1000 per year. The Library issued cards to all children who attended and over the past 7 years they have issued just over 3000 cards. The added positive was that older siblings of many of these children who didn't belong to the library wanted a card as well as some of the parents. This took little work from our club's stand point and a few meetings each year with the library was all that was required.</p>
Kingston	<p>Dwight Boyce dwight.boyce@irpkingston.com</p>	<p><u>Book Distribution Project</u></p> <p>Disadvantaged children in the community do not have the same opportunity to access books. Each year we order from a publishing firm books that are appropriate for ages 3-10 at a special price as these are new books that have not been distributed (sold) and the firm is unloading their stock. For about \$1.00 per book plus shipping we get approximately 2000 books (\$2000.00) shipped to us which we sort out by age. This is good fellowship. The books are delivered to the pediatric centre at the local hospital, Boys & Girls Club, Food bank, and number of other non-profit organizations that have affiliations with children programs.</p>
Kingston	<p>Dwight Boyce dwight.boyce@irpkingston.com</p>	<p><u>READ Project</u></p> <p>This is something we have just got involved in with our local library. We donated \$400 for 2 hockey jerseys (autographed by members of our local Ontario Hockey League- Kingston Frontenacs) and two ticket packages for families and these were given away at a local junior hockey game to any child who had a library card. They registered with the library at the game and in fact the library issued 50 new library cards to new members on the day of the game. Several of the team appeared at various schools leading up to the game to read to children and handed out autographed posters of themselves holding a book promoting the</p>

		READ Project. Rotary was given publicity on the posters and on the day of the game.
Kingston	Dwight Boyce dwight.boyce@irpkingston.com	<u>Summer Tutoring at the Library</u> We donated \$900 which enabled 6 children who required tutoring but didn't have the funds to pay for the Tutoring Camp for two weeks last summer at the local library. We got recognition at the library on their Promotion.
Kingston	Dwight Boyce dwight.boyce@irpkingston.com	<u>Living and Learning Through Literacy</u> In partnership with the Special Education department of the local school board we contributed \$1800 towards a project that published 66 sets (3 per set) of books 24" by 12" that could be used in reading classes for children with developmental disabilities. These "BIG Books" as they were known by the children, were made up of photos taken by the special ed. children at various schools, with script also provided by the children. The books covered life and social skills such as brushing teeth, washing etc. The total project cost \$10,000 with the purchase of digital cameras, publishing etc. and the board received a government grant for part of it as well as some printing costs by a local printer. The involvement by the children at 3 different schools in creating the books over about a 4 month period was invaluable for them. The books were distributed to all 55 elementary and 11 secondary schools and reached about 5000 students who are either in grade one or have disabilities and attend the various schools. A very successful project that received an award from the Board of Education locally.
Kingston-Frontenac		No response
Lake Placid		No response
Laval	Roger Tanguay roger.tanguay@gestioncoaching.com	Does not currently have a literacy project
Laval Rive-Nord		Does not currently have a literacy project
Malone	Carol Hunter carolqhunter@gmail.com	We make an annual donation in the range of \$200 to our local chapter of the Literacy Volunteers of America. We are exploring the possibility a reading program with the local elementary schools. The cost of the program would be minimal as we envision reading books aloud to the children. The books would be supplied by the Rotarians themselves or by the school library.
Massena	Jerry Manor jmanor@seacomm.org	<u>First Book</u> As a means of thanking our Club Speakers we pay First Book to send a book in their name to a child in St. Lawrence County who is in a special reading program or has a low family income. Annual Cost: \$125 Effort: Minimal. We send a check along with a list of names to First Book once or twice a year.
Mont Tremblant		No response
Montréal		No response
Montréal Ville-Marie		No response
Montreal-Lakeshore		Does not currently have a literacy project Would like to know if clubs are helping the first nations people in this regards
Montréal-Westward		No response
Napanee		No response

Nepean-Kanata	Bill Robinson WRR@sympatico.ca	<p><u>Michele Heights</u> is one of the Ottawa Community Housing communities. It is a low income, culturally diverse, social housing community of 132 units and approximately 600 residents including many at-risk children, youth and their families. We built and populated the Michele Heights Library with the help of a District Simplified Grant. The total cost of the project was \$3500, and the cost to the club was \$2000. Effort involved getting and building IKEA shelves, and selecting and purchasing books</p> <p>We continue to contribute books to the library as our speaker recognition gift. Each speaker signs a sticker in a book, and the book is then placed in the library. We believe this is a much more effective use of club resources than giving out pens or coffee cups to our speakers. Annual cost is less than \$500 (\$10 per meeting x 50 meetings)</p> <p>We continue to help out with the Michele Heights homework club. (This is the most fun I have in Rotary!). This is strictly a sweat equity project.</p>
Nepean-Kanata	Alice Otupiri otupiri@yahoo.ca	<p><u>Comfort Stars</u> is a boys' and girls' club for at risk inner city children located in Accra, Ghana. There are approximately 250 children in the club. The children meet on Saturday mornings to participate in activities organized in conjunction with Right To Play. We solicit donations to sponsor some of our children to go to school and to purchase materials for our literacy program.</p> <p>Altogether there are forty five students in the literacy classes. Our goal is to make sure that of the children in the beginners program are reading and those who are already in the program are showing tremendous progress.</p> <p>Our Club has sponsored the project in the amount of \$3500 which brings Alices's fundraising total to \$18,000 for this year so far. There are currently 38 students being sponsored for school programs from university to elementary school.</p>
Nepean-Kanata	Bill Robinson WRR@sympatico.ca	<u>Bursaries</u> We present 5 bursaries of \$1000 each to graduates of adult high schools and the Youville Centre for young mothers.
Nepean-Kanata	Bill Robinson WRR@sympatico.ca	<u>Who is Nobody?</u> We support this program, which is described in the Arnprior club submission.
North Renfrew (Deep River)		No response
Ogdensburg		No response
Old (Vieux) Montréal		No response
Orléans	Julia Ginley jginley@rogers.com	<p><u>The Alpha Centre Project</u> (more detailed description available on request) The Rotary Club of Orleans with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Dominica sponsored a team of four Canadians, two Rotarians and two experts, to go to the island of the Commonwealth of Dominica. Upon their arrival, three members of the team spent a week unpacking books, teaching supplies, a laptop and printer, sewing supplies and many state of the art tools for working with children with disabilities, in particular autism. The team also brought library supplies and set up a library cataloguing and circulation system</p> <p>As well, the City of Ottawa Health Department provided pens, pencils, hand washing and teeth brushing posters, personal hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, pads and deodorants), and booklets on hygiene and information for educators on teaching personal hygiene to the Alpha Centre.</p>

		The project cost \$22,000 this year. There are other needs that can be addressed at the Alpha Centre and other schools and facilities visited. The cost would depend on which needs that we address in the future.
Ottawa		No response
Ottawa Kanata-Sunrise		No response
Ottawa South		No response
Ottawa-Bytown		No response
Ottawa-Stittsville		No response
Pembroke		No response
Perth		No response
Petawawa	Norm Edwards norm.kay@nwekaept.ca	In our area we have "Literacy Plus" who conducts all types of program updating the disadvantaged youth and seniors with practical life skills. We invite a speaker each year and donate to their program. At times some of our members volunteer to be mentors to young adults who require educational skills. As a International project we sponsor a teacher at the WBC Quito Ecuador.
Plattsburgh	Keith Tyo keith.tyo@plattsburgh.edu	<u>Literacy Challenge</u> (See submission from Plattsburgh Sunrise)
Plattsburgh	Bonnie Black bonblack@yahoo.com	<u>Multi-Club Literacy Project</u> Our World Community Service Committee is working on a multi-club literacy project in Nicaragua with the Plattsburgh Sunrise Club and, possibly, the Bergen-Highlands-Ramsey Club in New Jersey. In February, reps from the 2 Plattsburgh clubs visited 3 schools to deliver literacy supplies and will be providing more once the District Simplified Grant funds are received. As a specific DSG project, it is \$6,000 for this round of grant funding. Coordination with the 2 pre-schools and the elementary school in Managua, Nicaragua, including on-site visits twice yearly.
Plattsburgh Sunrise	Ron Marino marino5143@primelink1.net	We co-sponsor the <u>Literacy Challenge</u> in conjunction with the Clinton County Chapter of the Literacy Volunteers of America each March. The Challenge takes the form of the TV show, Jeopardy. Each team pays an entrance fee of \$300 to have the honor of being known as the Literacy Challenge Champion. There are approximately 35 teams competing for that coveted title. Each year, by co-sponsoring The Challenge, we help raise over \$10,000 for the Clinton County Chapter of LVA. In addition to the co-sponsorship, our Club sponsors our own team, plus one other, typically a team from one of the high schools consisting of students. In addition, we supply all the judges, timekeepers, setup/takedown teams and quizmaster.
Potsdam		No response
Prescott		No response
Renfrew		No response
Rive-Sud de Montréal	Joyce Boye joyce.boy@agr.qc.ca	<u>Orphans of Uganda</u> Considering that there is more than 1,7 million children that are orphans due to the AIDS crisis in Uganda, we contacted a club in Kampala and started a 3 years program supporting at first 10 children per year through school and their basic needs. We have committed ourselves to a budget of \$3,500.00 per year. There is no grant on this project, only club and donations from our community. There was numerous correspondence with the Rotarians in Kampala Uganda to identify the needs and make a proper selection of the students. The club held a fund raising dinner to raise money for this project. Considering that we are a small club, this is quite an accomplishment. We have also contributed \$2,000.00 to the Canadian Centennial project for a School in Afghanistan.

Saranac Lake		No response
Shawville	Don Page kettlebuilder@yahoo.com	Does not currently have a literacy project
Smiths Falls		No response
South Nepean		No response
St-Jérôme		No response
1000 Islands		No response
Theresa		No response
Tupper Lake		No response
Valleyfield		No response
Watertown		No response
Watertown Sunrise		We hold an annual pancake breakfast in the second weekend in March. This year we partnered with Borders to collect donations for books. We will be giving books to children ages 10 and under that attend our pancake breakfast. Proceeds will go toward projects supporting the Rotary mission. Cost is minimal for the pancake breakfast and the books were donated.
West Ottawa	Nigel Lever nlever@productioncase.com	<p><u>Dictionary4Life</u> The Usborne Illustrated Dictionary 4 Life comprises 1,000 illustrations, 10,000 entries and 20,000 definitions printed in full colour from a sustainable forest with 288 pages. The D4L has a space for the recipients' name on the inside cover in the Rotary information panel. It is a highly visible promotion for Rotary and our club by adding a club sticker in the space provided. The book will travel with the child into secondary education. This provides an opportunity for schools to interface with a community organization, Rotary. The D4L is a great project to support Education and Literacy. Dictionaries will be formally presented to each youth in June (schools) and October (Winthrop Court homework club where we volunteer 3 evenings per week).</p> <p>For 240 books (minimum order) between \$1500 - 2500. Cost per book is £3.40 then add shipping and handling from nearest seaport to club.</p> <p>The effort required includes meetings with school Principal/Vice Principals to determine number of books, order books and arrange for receiver/customs clearance; develop sticker for inside cover & bookmark; organize presentation opportunities; pick up and delivery of books; evaluation of project.</p> <p>2010-11 is a pilot project year for RCWO. It is our hope that this will be an annual event pending the completion of this pilot project. Only one order per District is allowed. If RCWO finds it successful, we certainly will extend the offer to first Ottawa area clubs to see if they want to try it and eventually this could be a District wide project.</p>
West Ottawa	Suan Cross s.cross@xittel.ca	<p><u>Project Chance Africa</u> www.projectchanceafrica.com is a not for profit organization comprised of a group of Canadians, who are committed to addressing the needs of the children of the Mathare slum, in Nairobi, Kenya, by raising funds to support a struggling primary school and community based organization, the Loving Concern Education Centre.</p> <p>We endeavour to help this slum school and community centre in two ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By raising money in Canada to support the continuation of the school & centre. 2. To help the school develop a stronger community base in Nairobi to secure its long term sustainability.
Westmount		No response
D7040 Passport Club	Ariane Carriere ariane.carriere@rotary7040.com	Little Free Library