CHILDREN’S BOOK PROJECT: LOVE, TALK, READ

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

If parents love, talk to, and read with their children daily, the future can be brighter! We are collecting new and gently-used children’s books (ages infant-12 years) to share with low-income children in the greater Sacramento area and around the world, with a special emphasis on developing nations.

Our mission

Our mission is to build the literacy skills of at-risk children in poverty to create a brighter future.

Statistics indicate that the average middle-class child has 13+ children’s books in the home. In some low-income neighborhoods, there is ONE book for every 300 children. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, over 70% of America’s prisoners cannot read above a 4th grade level. Some states build prison cells based in part on the number of 3rd graders who are reading below grade level. It costs $8,000 a year to educate a child; it costs $56,000 a year to incarcerate an adult. According to the One World Literacy Foundation, over 70% of fourth graders who end fourth grade reading below grade level will end up in prison, on welfare, or both. We need to start building literacy in infancy!
Thank you so much for cleaning out those closets and bringing books! They are distributed to local places like Head Start, Mustard Seed School for children experiencing homelessness, Children’s Receiving Home (for abused children), Crisis Nursery, Juvenile Hall, refugee outreach programs, migrant camps, and others. To date, we have collected and distributed over 230,000 books to local children and youth in under resourced areas of our community and to children in developing countries like Samoa, the Philippines, Ecuador, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Mexico, India, Fiji, China, Micronesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Cuba, Guatemala, Argentina, Zambia, South Africa, Mauritius, Kenya, Syria, and Nepal. For more information, go to: www.lovetalkread.com.
Keep in touch

- Like us on Facebook at Love Talk Read
- Follow us on Instagram at @lovetalkread
- To become a volunteer to read with a child at risk: www.readingpartners.org

Donate

Books can be donated all year long in Folsom Hall Book Closet, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, California State University, Sacramento. For more information, please email Dr. Celeste Roseberry-McKibbin at celeste@csus.edu.

Do you suspect that a child you know may have problems reading?

Please contact the Sacramento State Maryjane Rees Speech and Hearing Clinic for an evaluation!

Call (916) 278-6601 to schedule an appointment.

You can also find suggestions to help build your child’s language skills in Dr. Roseberry-McKibbin’s book, Love Talk Read to Help Your Child Succeed (available on Amazon).