Cape May Chapter Literacy and Reading

Literacy Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

6 times per year, Sept to June

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $950

Value of in-kind donations (estimated total): $0

**Partners**

Caring For Kids agency and 4 schools- Gateway Cap Headstart at Ocean City, Wildwood and Villas as well as the kindergarten classes at Douglas Veterans' Memorial School. They provide students for the program.

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 250

Age range of clients served: pre-school through 3rd grade

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working) 9

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? purchasing books; reading books to kindergarten pupils; reading to and delivering books to pre-school children; delivering books to an agency for a parent/child reading program.

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: To encourage children to read and enjoy books.

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? Appropriate grade level books

1. Kindergarten reading. Members read a book to a class of pupils and engage them in discussion, follow up activities. Books were left in the classroom for the children to share.
2. Pre-school reading. Members delivered books to the 5 classrooms – one for each child. Some also read to the children.
3. One agency holds a ‘Cuddle up and Read’ night to encourage parents to engage in reading aloud to their children. The chapter supplies the books.
4. An additional 238 books were included in the layettes they distributed, approximately 100 were donated at the Baby Shower.
5. Books for the programs were bulk purchased through Scholastic Books by the Chair.

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