Western Massachusetts Chapter Reading and Literacy

Literacy Program and Library Boxes

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

When does the program occur year round. Tuesdays in after school program, once a week in summer program, weekly monitoring of library boxes

**Partnerships**

South End Community Center

What role does your partner(s) have in the program? Housed program efforts of the chapter.

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 43 in after school program .

Age range of clients served: birth -12

**Volunteers**

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Held book drives, cleaned and labeled books, read to children, participated in the center’s summer reading program

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: to encourage reading

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

Book drives are conducted with notices in church bulletins and notices in some stores. About 2,000 books were collected. They were sorted, cleaned and labeled with the CCS logo by volunteers.

The South End Community Center was destroyed in a tornado and the new building did not have a library. CCS provided bookshelves and books. Volunteers participate in the Center’s summer reading program by reading to the children and doing a craft or activity. Volunteers go to the center every Tuesday for the after-school program where they read and conduct an activity.

Several library boxes were installed around town and stocked with 100 children’s books each with a sign that reads: Take a book, return a book or keep a book.” These boxes are monitored weekly. The boxes were built and installed by volunteers at no cost.