Fort Wayne Chapter Reading and Literacy

Reading Rangers Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Twice per month during the school year; one planning meeting in the summer

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $4,000

**Partnerships**

St. Joseph and Precious Blood Schools, hosts for Reading rangers

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 46

Age range of clients served: 3 and 4 year olds

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working) 22

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? Volunteers meet monthly to plan a craft for each book to be read. They read and do the craft twice a month in the school year.

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: to foster the love of books and promote reading among your children and their families.

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? A book each month and the craft project

Reading Rangers is a group of volunteers who go monthly into two lower income preschools to read a book and do a craft with the preschool students. By engaging in reading with the children , our program promotes introducing new vocabulary and the meaning of words. Volunteers create a craft with the children that reinforces a theme found within the book. Children are sent home with a copy of the book that is read each month. A letter to the parents is included with each book to encourage them to read the book again to their child and ask a few prompted questions to further explore details and personal interpretation of the book. The craft is taken home by the children to be shared and enjoyed with their families. Twenty-two volunteers collectively invested 249 hours to the program last year.

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