

READ TO YOUR BUNNY

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Read to Your Bunny is a Power Point presentation stressing the importance of reading aloud to children of all ages, but especially in the early formative years beginning at birth. The purpose of the Read to Your Bunny program is to share with parents, teachers, & caregivers important information, obtained from early childhood experts and brain research, that identifies the key for children to become successful readers and to give parents, teachers, caregivers, & children necessary books to assist in implementing this process.

READING LADIES

BJWC members and one guest read and sing to six different age groups of children from birth through three plus years old (50 children) every two weeks throughout the year using big books, nursery rhymes, and finger plays.

Community Organizations Served By Read To Your Bunny in 2018

YWCA Gateway = GH, Friendship House = FH, Homeless Children in School District #2 = H
Family Promise = FP, and Pooh's Too Day Care = PT

1. YWCA Gateway House

A safe house for abused women and their children.

Since the population of Gateway House changes every three months, the Read to Your Bunny Power Point presentation was given to residents on two different occasions. Toiletries, literacy materials, children's books, queen size quilts made by a BJWC member were given to residents of GH.

2. YWCA Gateway House/Making Baby Blanket Bundles

A BJWC member and her four grandchildren cut and tied 8 fleece blankets for the babies and younger children at Gateway House. Each blanket was bundled with a bear.

3. Homeless Children in School District #2

Age appropriate books were given to homeless children from Kindergarten through 6 grade via the Homeless School Coordinator, Sue Runkle, for School District #2. on 2 different occasions.

4. Friendship House

An after school program for disadvantaged children. Read to Your Bunny members read the books Corduroy and Paddington to students in pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten. 22 books and bears were given to each child. The Bernstein Bears books were read to first and second graders. 24 copies of the book read were given to the children. The first chapter of Treasure Island was read to 18- 3 rd and 4 th graders. The first chapter of Roald Dahl books were read to 14 5 th , 6 th , and 7 th graders. Individual books were given to all students. (6 books were given to FH teachers).

5. Young Families/Early Head Start

A day care and early childhood learning center serving primarily teen and low income families with children birth to three years of age, pregnant women, infants, and toddlers with special needs. Members gave four “Read to Your Bunny” Power Point presentations to teen parents at Young Families. Children’s books, parent books, and literacy packets were given to each participant. A RTYB presentation was also given to all staff members at YF. These presentations have been given every year for the past eight years.

6. Pooh’s Too Day Care

Pooh’s Too is a day care facility.

7. Family Promise

Family Promise is 26 faith based congregations that provide meals, Shelter, and a safe environment for homeless families.

8. Reading Ladies/Young Families

Reading to these young children is encouraged and appreciated by the children, parents and caregivers of Young Families. Because the teen parents often participate with their children during the read/sing along, members are able to model good reading practices. , April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, June 27 & __,

July 18 & 25, August x, September 5 & 19, October 3 & 17, November 7 & 14, December 5 & 19, and additional gigs for the parents: December 17 AM & December 17 PM.