

Oskaloosa Focus Group and Community Forum Results

What is the one project that your organization/target group is already doing to work toward Mrs. Vilsack's project plan?

Project	Who Provides	To Whom
1. Books for Babies	Friend of the Library Iowa Trust and Savings	Mahaska County Babies - identified via hospital and newspaper
2. Youth Programming	Public Library (Community Resources)	Infants to Young Adults
3. Library is a Community Center	Those who fund the Public Library	All patrons
4. Automation of Elementary Media Centers	PTO, Community Members, Daily Trust	Students K-6, school staff members
5. MahaskaLoosa Days	Chamber (Businesses)	K-12 students
6. Child Care Resources	ISU Extension (9 counties) Empowerment	Child Care Providers and children in centers and homes
7. Intergenerational Program (Storytelling about countries)	Library/Mayor	all ages
8. MICE	OPL, Indian Hills, Wm Penn, LSTA, Daily Trust	All ages
9. George Daily Auditorium Cultural Literacy	Daily Trust Wm Penn	All Community Members
10. Adopt a Class	Rotary	1 st grade
11. Newspapers in Education	Local Newspaper	Classrooms
12. Budget	Supervisors	All Citizens

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13. Funding for Library	City Council	All citizens and library staff
14. Mentoring	Kiwanis	Jr. Sr. High Students
15. Reading Recovery	School/AEA	1 st Grade
16. Reading for Life	Bank, Retired Teachers	K-9 students
17. Reading Time	School	All students and staff
18. Theater Camp	Rotary, Herald, Friends of Auditorium, CARA	Age 8 plus
19. Storytime Players	School/Business/Other Community Organizations	Everyone
20. Wm Penn Reading Practicum	Wm Penn	Children and perspective Teachers
21. Wm Penn Tutors (Math)	Wm Penn	Homeless shelters
22. Wm Penn Y Program (Tutoring)	Wm Penn	Elementary students
23. Teen Advisory Board	Public Library	7-12 programming
24. Brown Bag Lunch	Friend of Public Library	Everyone
25. Book Discussion Series	Friend of Public Library	Adults
26. Oskaloosa History by Chuck Russell	Chuck Russell	School children/Adults
27. Field trips to Public Library	Library Staff	School children
28. Newspaper in Senior Citizen Center	Kiwanis	Senior Citizens
29. Public Library Geneology Library	City Council	Researchers

30. Adopt a Class	Jr. High Students	all 2 nd graders
31. Title 1 Summer School	Oskaloosa Schools Federal Funding	Eligible K-3 students
32. Reading Fluency and Comprehension a Major Goal	All K-6 schools	All K-6 students
33. Accelerated Reader	All K-6 schools	All 1-6 students
34. Guided Reading	Webster Elementary	K-3 students
35. Parent Reading Helpers	All K-6 schools	K-2 students
36. Home reading	Webster students and Parents	Kindergarten
37. Peer Helpers	Webster students and Parents	K-6 students
38. Church Libraries	Individual Churches	Church Members
39. Keomah Geneology Library	Genealogy Society	Researchers
40. 4-H Communications Projects	4-H Iowa State Extension	Grades 4-12
41. Tutoring	Center for Independent Living	All ages with disabilities
42. ESL Program	Oskaloosa Schools	Students
43. Resource Center	Crisis Intervention	Families in Crisis
44. Nursing Home Book Delivery	Library Volunteers	Senior citizens
45. Nelson Pioneer Farm	Historical Society	School Children
46. Reading Badges	Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts	Elementary Children
47. Newspaper Badges	Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts	Elementary Children

48. Mock Trial	Lawyers	Sr. High Students
49. Cultural Development	Oskaloosa Women's Club	Club members
50. Book Sale	AAUW	All Citizens

Who besides your organization is involved in these projects?

Community Businesses
 Corporations
 Service Organizations
 Individuals
 All Libraries work together
 PTO
 Daily Trust
 Parents
 Banks
 Media
 Empowerment
 ISU Extension
 Hospital and Library
 Chamber
 Fire Department
 General Government Entities
 Conservation
 Head Start
 Law Enforcement
 Churches
 YMCA

Who are potential partners not currently involved?

Library and YMCA
 Service Clubs and schools
 Senior Center
 Senior Citizens
 Medical Community
 Government Entities
 Lawyers
 Jaycees
 Law Enforcement
 Fire Department
 Girl Scouts

Boy Scouts
Retail
Dead
Sororities
PEO
Local Business and Industry
Fair Board

Who in the community is not being reached by projects?

Senior Citizens
Non-English Speaking
Children in some care facilities
Parents needing parenting skills
Working adults
Adults without connections
Out of town workers
Adults with low literacy
People with disabilities
Children of children (teen parents)
Prisoners
Students at the alternative HS
Jr. High
Other communities that contract with Oskaloosa for library service
Home school children
Hospital patients
Nursing homes
Home bound

What are some possible projects that would meet the needs of those underserved in the community?

Delivery of books to homebound, hospital patients, nursing home patients, prisoners.
Reading aloud of the newspaper on tape or public access.
Book reading on TV
Daycare/Retirement home visits
Bookmobile
Traveling collection to county nursing homes.