

Public Forum Meeting of October 18, 2000

Introduction and overview by Cheryl Robson and comments by Jeannie Stone. Carol Smith facilitated. Attending were:

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What is happening with literacy in this community?

- library reading programs
- school visits to public library
- care center book deliveries
- homebound deliveries
- family reading night
- oral histories shared at school
- head start grant to buy books for children
- students find oldest folklore story
- RIF
- column in news paper with events and new books
- adult reader's group
- veteran program at school
- students read to 3 people outside of school
- Bible study
- essay contests at school
- Boy's State and Girl's State participants share story of their trip with groups
- adult volunteers in school
- school newsletter
- memorial book donations to library

Who is involved with literacy in the community?

- library
- school/teachers/students
- churches
- parents
- service organizations
- newspaper
- nursing home
- volunteers
- meals-on-wheels/share stories
- extension

Who is not involved?

- children ages 0-3
- businesses
- young adults
- teens

- elders who did not finish high school
- empty-nesters
- those who feel inadequate to help
- illiterate
- busy parents

Project ideas:

- oral histories- record and save at the library
- alumni events/stories-record
- adopt a grandparent
- story-telling- learn how and share stories
- career awareness- involve business
- library programs for the very young
- parent/child readers group
- mother/grandmother- father/grandfather reader's group
- creative writing at library/contests/interviews of adults by children
- computer classes or other technology classes
- after school time- snacks, reading, activities
- literacy programs for adult illiterate
- adult volunteers for school
- cultural traditions
- intergenerational activities at school
- adults learning English for immigrant populations
- GED classes