

MAKING VIABLE CONNECTIONS

Two years ago, when EMRC developed a relationship with the International Reading Association (IRA), our literacy awareness initiative greatly increased.

IRA / Rotary International (IRARI) partnership brings together two international organizations collaborating to promote world literacy.

They do this in the following ways:

- Cooperation between Rotary clubs and IRA local councils
- Create connections with regional and international literacy projects
- Provide resources and technical support



MAKING THINGS HAPPEN: STORY AND PASSION FOR LITERACY

Our literacy journey began in 2001 with the chartering of the Ellensburg Morning Rotary Club (EMRC). Our club currently has 60 members who represent a variety of ages and professional backgrounds.

Our two main service goals are:

- Supporting local community initiatives
- Promoting literacy through hands-on-projects

Over the last two years, the EMRC has blossomed to become one of the most active clubs in District 5060 in the area of literacy, both locally and globally. In 2008, we were awarded the District Literacy Award.

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Ellensburg Morning Rotary Club

LITERACY PROGRAMS

WORKING TO MAKE DREAMS REAL

**THURSDAYS, 6:45 AM
AT THE PALACE CAFÉ**

International Literacy Project

READING ACROSS CONTINENTS



Reading Across Continents (An International Reading Association Project) connects students and teachers around the world via literature and technology.

The Ellensburg Morning Rotary Club and a Rotary Club in Lahore, Pakistan have purchased books for two classes in their communities. The books, selected by teachers, librarians & principals, are both in the fantasy genre for 9-12 year old children.

The teachers, principals, and supporting Rotarians from both communities have established the literature connection between the teachers and children in both countries.

The children will read their respective books, and under the guidance of their teachers, they will communicate a literature club format via email.

Local Literacy Projects

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

EMRC puts together 8 backpacks for 8 deserving students in local schools and distributes them, via counselors, the first week of school. This is an International Literacy Day project.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY BABY

In conjunction with International Literacy Day, EMRC gives the first baby born in Kittitas County on 9/8 a baby backpack filled with books and a registration to Circle of Success.

CIRCLE OF SUCCESS

EMRC provides 9 registrations in Circle of Success to Kittitas County Children.

www.circleofsuccessinc.org

DISCOVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL

EMRC supports struggling middle level learners in the District's alternative program through mentoring, supplies & various literacy related activities.

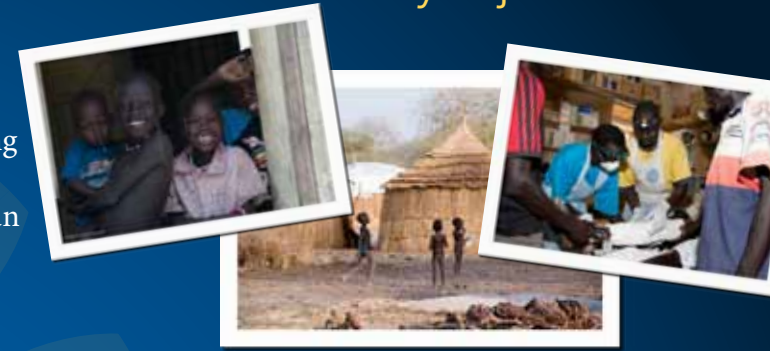
BOOKS FREEING MINDS

EMRC is beginning a relationship with the county corrections facility to help build up their library.

TUBS FOR TOTS

Literacy tubs are provided to parents for use with their children at the local Head Start/ECEAP.

International Literacy Project



This project is for teacher leaders from Southern Sudan, an area still recovering from years of war and neglect. There is a desperate need for basic educational services. The area also has severe health needs.

Phase 1 of the project is slated to occur August, 2009 in Tanzania. EMRC members will travel to Tanzania and provide transportation for two Southern Sudan teacher leaders to join them at the Pan African Conference. They will assess their educational needs, and provide teacher training and curriculum based on the health and literacy needs of the Southern Sudanese.

Phase 2 will follow at a later date and training will occur directly in Southern Sudan.

Phase 3 will include evaluation and follow up.

EMRC is working on this project in cooperation with the International Reading Association.

TRAINING THE TRAINERS IN SOUTHERN SUDAN