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Spread the Word Nevada

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The Problem
Availability of books in low budget schools
- Kids don’t have the resources to become strong readers
- Impacts children’s ability to learn

Research
- “[..] Lee and Burkam reported that the average cognitive scores of children of age 4 in the highest socioeconomic status were 60% above the scores of the lowest SES children” (“The Knowledge Gap”).

- “[..] book availability for middle-class children was about 12 books per child; in poor neighborhoods, about one book was available for every 355 children (“When Schools Close”).

My Service
Spread the Word Nevada is a children’s nonprofit serving underprivileged children.
- Under their “Books and Buddies” program I met with at least 2 children one-on-one
- I listened to them read and played literature games with them
- Helps to build confidence or address other issues the teacher cannot

What I learned about the Problem
I did not realize how much the children were struggling.
- Teachers don’t have time to give each child the attention they need.
- STWN provides a safe environment for children to make mistakes, because they aren’t in front of their whole class.

This will help me to see what kids are struggling through warning signs when I become a teacher.

Resources