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Introduction

History & Purpose

Spread the Word Nevada’s mission is dedicated to advancing childhood literacy within low-income communities by changing lives one book at a time.
- Have donated 4.7 million books since 2001.
- Have Served 515,000 students from 55 different schools.

Paradigm

Paradigm of Spread the Word Nevada: Social Change. In this society, many kids are very poor and don’t have their own books. It’s a social issue. This site is trying to change this and letting the kids know the pleasure of reading.

Social Issue Research

13.5 million American children still live in poverty -- the highest rate of any industrialized country (Koch, 2000).
- Early-childhood education programs alone delivers huge impacts on academic achievement and behavior even decades later (Katel, 2011).
- Over the course of the summer, disadvantaged children might lose reading and math skills or fail to gain skills at the same rate as their more advantaged peers (“Immediate Effects”, 2014).

Ideal State

Every child will have his own home library. He can share his books to friends and family members. He will learn from these books.

Program

- Volunteers who become mentors. They spent their time with kids and read books for them.
- Has summer program. They will go to schools, read to the kids, and bring snacks for them.
- Throughout the school year, they will spend their time with these kids either during the breakfast or after school.

References


Service Experience & Making Difference

- Crossing out personal information in the book.
- Making sure every book is appropriate to certain age of kids (1st - 6th grade).
- Putting books which have certain damages in the recycle box.

Difference in My Own Views

There are so many social issues in this world. Although we cannot solve them completely, we can try our best to make them better.

Personal Learning & Future Change

- I want to keep doing the volunteer and help more kids. I am so glad that I can be a member of this and make a change for their lives.
- Hopefully, more children can have their own library at their home. I really want them to enjoy reading, and learning different things and skills from books.