

YMCA to Join World-Record Attempt

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YMCA TO HOST "READ ACROSS THE GLOBE"

Help Break the Guinness World Record of Adults Reading to Children within a 24-hour Period!

New Castle, PA – The New Castle Community YMCA is hosting a volunteer reading event supporting Read Across the Globe, an initiative that brings the power of volunteers together to impact literacy in our communities.

Read Across the Globe is a one-day reading event that will be held on Monday, Oct. 19, 2015 to raise awareness of the worldwide literacy crisis. Working with volunteers, educators, and partners in every time zone, we'll read to children around the globe to shine a light on literacy.

The YMCA, in partnership with the New Castle Public Library, is hosting a reading event at its downtown New Castle facility. Kids in grades Pre-K through 12th are invited to join us from 3:45pm – 4:45pm. Volunteer readers from the community – including firefighters, police, and local high school sports teams - will take turns reading to kids from 4 - 4:30pm. Kids will also enjoy a variety of literacy activities and free refreshments.

"The Y is shining a light on literacy as part of its commitment to social responsibility in New Castle," says Richard Lyons, CEO at the New Castle Community YMCA. "Literacy is the key to education, and education is the foundation of a strong community."

Exposure to language—talking, singing, or reading—from infant to 3 years old is a strong predictor of a child's ability to read fluently by 3rd grade. Children who are not reading proficiently by 3rd grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school.

About Read Across the Globe

Read Across the Globe is a historic reading event that will be held on Monday, October 19, 2015 to raise awareness of the worldwide literacy crisis. One of the goals of the initiative is to set a new Guinness World Record for most children read to by an adult in 24 hours. It is being organized by Points of Light, the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation, Volunteer Houston, Deloitte as a national sponsor and Jumpstart (Read for the Record) as the national nonprofit partner. In addition, "Guinness World Record Partner" organizations include: Hands On Greater Phoenix, Hands on Hong Kong, Beta Gamma Sigma, Inc., New York Cares, Volunteer Center of South Jersey, Reading Partners, Queens Library, Red Cross Armed Services-Europe, GlassWing, and Red Cross Armed Services-Far East. For more information visit www.pointoflight.org/readacrosstheglobe.

About the Y

At the Y, we strengthen our community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. We engage 6,000 men, women and children – regardless of age, income or background – to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the county's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Rooted in the Lawrence County community for more than 145 years, the Y has the long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. Learn more at www.ncymca.org.
