

In the fall of 2006 Lambda State Literacy Committee invited all Lambda State Delta Kappa Gamma chapters to report on local literacy projects in which they were involved. The objective was that this sharing of existing projects might create a spark for new ideas and be the instigation for new projects. We thank those chapters which responded to our request and congratulate all of you who are doing such wonderful and exciting things to promote literacy. May you remain untiring in your efforts and find continued success.

Chapters responding are as follows:

Beta -- *Collect books for children 0 to 12 years and donate to Child Care Resources and Referral Network and to STAR Adult Literacy Program

Chi -- * Read to Your Bunny, by Rosemary Wells, and pamphlet regarding baby's first year given to new mothers at Jerseyville Community Hospital

Iota -- *Donate children's books to various shelters and to the Infant Welfare Society dental clinic in Oak Park

*Read to shut-ins; tape short stories; volunteer at schools and at places that serve the illiterate

Nu -- *Encourage members to read designated book and participate with

Peoria Reads activities

Donate books to Penny Severns Literacy Program

Support Common Place and its tutoring program in a multitude of ways

Award Literacy Certificate of Recognition to a Common Place tutor

Present Cinderella Around the World at 2005 Lambda State Convention

and Around the World with Tales Two Ways at 2006 Delta Kappa Gamma

International Convention

Donate books to Project Upwards' program of providing paperback books to prisons or to the county Bellwood Nursing Home

Omicron-*Encourage members to:

Donate used magazines to Dwight Prison for Women

Volunteer to read to students at local schools

Purchase classroom magazine subscriptions and books for classrooms and school library

Phi -- * Donate books to area schools and libraries

Hold silent auction to raise monies for books to be donated

Award “Certificates of Recognition” to outstanding literacy volunteers

Encourage members to read designated book selection for state convention

Encourage members to volunteer at schools, libraries, and literacy programs

Upsilon - *Encourage members to read designated book selection for state convention

Plan to create booklet of members’ poetry and short stories

Use Lambda Date website for teaching ideas

Consider donating personal dictionaries to third grade students

Consider donating books to area groups

Zeta -- *Work with MELD, on organization of young mothers, teaching life skills and child development, promoting parent/child interaction activities, and working to obtain and organize a library

Alpha Beta -- *Continue “Aunt Mary’s Storybook Project” at Women’s Correction

Facility at Dwight, donating books of multi-cultural and ethnic diversity

interests for inmates to read

Donate blank tapes for the women at this facility to record their reading

of a book for their children to keep.

Alpha Delta -- *Donate children's literature to the House of Good Shepherd

Alpha Epsilon-*Collect books for the Penny Severns Literacy Program

Collect textbooks and encyclopedias for the Waubensee Community

College Adult Literacy Project

Collect 2007-2008 calendars for the Maywood VA Hospital

Continue to award literacy Certificates of Recognition to deserving

individuals, including volunteers who complete Adult Literacy

tutor training

Promote the Annual Midwest Literary Festival in Aurora

Partner with AAUW in "Read and Return library project to raise money

for scholarships

Use websites and activities published by the Illinois State Library

Share information that supports literacy in the community, ie. Kohl's

Cares for Kids program, Macy's "Back to Books" program, projects

sponsored by local public libraries and bookstores, etc.

Alpha Nu -- *Donate books to the "Give-a-Book" Project for Kids' Korner, the

children's waiting room in the Lake County Courthouse

Alpha Phi -- *Distribute at Passavant Hospital a "read aloud" book and a child

development calendar to mothers of newborns

Distribute infant and toddler books through the Morgan County

Health Departments for “needy” families

Operate a booth at the “Diaper Bags to Backpacks” Fair promoting literacy and awarding books as prizes

Fund projects through Pampered Chef Party and grants

Alpha Rho -- *Plan to participate in Baby Talk at two Galesburg hospitals and possibly one Monmouth hospital, providing books for new mothers and a card and book on baby’s first birthday.

Alpha Upsilon-*Collect books and money to purchase books for Rx for Reading, donating books to hospitals in Robinson, Lawrenceville and Olney

Continue to award Certificates of Recognition to outstanding literacy providers

Donate books to the Penny Severns Literacy Project

Promote the Lambda State convention book selection of the year

Alpha Xi -- *Continue the “Read to Me” program, distributing books and bibs to area children, age 0 to 3, through the Early childhood Program

Continue “Reader to Reader”, sharing stories, poems, or book selections at meetings, encouraging professional growth through reading

Enhance literacy through participation in the Lambda State Student

Literary Arts Recognition Program

Develop a professional bibliography for chapter members to encourage growth

Alpha Zeta -- *Sell used books at chapter meetings to subsidize treasury.

Continue book discussion sessions in members' homes

Provide "book baskets" at local hotels/motels for travelers

Host "Book Give-Away" booth at Decatur Celebration for infants through high school students, donating any remaining books to the Decatur Women's Prison

Schedule a local author for program at May meeting

Beta Epsilon -- *Collect books for Christian Friendliness

Present awards of recognition for outstanding contributions to literacy

Conduct book sale at meetings, proceeds to fund literacy awards

Share a book club entitled Book Babes with Mu chapter

Conduct "Race to Read" a two-year project designed to promote the new library in Moline. Chapter has supported 20 library field trips for district first grade students with plans for 6 more this spring. Each student receives a book bag and treats. Funding provided by Ed Foundation grant and member donations

Partners with Metro Link "Bus to Book: program for transportation

Beta Iota -- *Purchase books for Community Cancer Center

Conduct book discussion as program for October 2007 meeting

Purchase set of animal books for Miller Park Zoo to be used for educational programs and projects held at the zoo

Beta Kappa -- *Award \$500 literacy grant to be shared by two members working to enhance the lives and learning of senior citizens in the local

Outreach Program

Offer chapter literacy grant

Donate at least 25 books to a local school or agency

Institute involvement in local Headstart Program

Beta Rho -- *Continue partnership with Jewel-Osco Shop and Share Days to

provide funds for literacy projects that benefit local schools

Select a Literacy Volunteer of the Year

Beta Theta -- *Collect books from members and donate to local women's abuse

center, Visiting Nurses Association, and homeless shelters

Delta Gamma -- *Collect books for Penny Severns Literacy Program

Donate books to Quincy Cheerful Home Association, a daycare and

after-school program for underprivileged children

Participate in classrooms as readers, mentors, and/or tutors

Award at least one Literacy Certificate of Recognition

Gamma Phi -- *Purchase professional books for the library at Freedom House, a

center for abused women and children

Plan to participate in the Lambda State Literary Arts Program

Award a Literacy Certificate of Recognition at least once during

each biennium

Read to residents at local nursing home

Encourage participation in Lambda State convention book discussion

Gamma Rho -- *Donate books for needy children to the Kendall County Food Pantry

Give Literacy Awards to deserving members of the community

Donate age-appropriate books to each elementary school represented

in chapter membership

Gamma Theta -- *Participate in December Gift Wrapping Event at Barnes and Noble,

proceeds earned to be used to purchase books for literary project

Distribute books donated by members to two schools in Joliet area

Present workshop on reading strategies at Lambda State convention

(presenters Jan Grossi and Dorothy Stanfield)