

EWDC At Home: Easy Volunteer Projects!

Since 1995, Everybody Wins DC has helped children thrive by building connections through reading – and this school year will be no different. To help meet the needs of children, families, and school communities across the DC area, EWDC is expanding our volunteer opportunities. The projects below will offer families supportive, informative, and fun ways to stay engaged through reading while learning from home, and can be done on your own time!

- 1. Encourage a Student to Read:** Help personalize our book distributions by writing a kind and encouraging note to a child! These will be included in every free book we give to elementary school students in the DC metro area.
 - a. Interested in getting a group together to write notes together? Make it a Zoom happy hour!
 - b. Want to share a specific book you love? Donate a book from our [Amazon Wishlist](#) and write a note to accompany it! We will include these notes with your books when we give it to a kid.

- 2. Contribute to our Virtual Shared Reading Library:** Bring on-demand shared reading directly into students' homes! Record yourself reading children's books aloud and modeling shared reading discussions. These videos offer families convenient, on-demand read-alouds from a trusted partner. Some ideas to get started:
 - a. Read your favorite book and share what it means to you
 - b. Read a book about a special skill or hobby you have
 - c. Speak a different language? Read a bilingual book!
 - d. Read a longer chapter book together with a group of friends over a series of videos
 - e. Find a book that talks about your career and use that to talk about your experiences

- 3. Lead a Virtual Field Trip:** Help our students get out and explore! Create a video that highlights the fun things to do in your neighborhood, city, or state! Consider cool landmarks and/or public spaces that families may not be able to visit right now. Even better - find a book about your area and share this text to center the experience in shared reading!

- 4. Host a book drive:** Help EWDC students expand their home libraries! Gather your neighbors, friends, family, or coworkers to collect books to donate to EWDC's Book Project!

- 5. Create a Digital Book Display:** Build an engaging virtual display of books showcasing a favorite genre or category. Students can then browse your mini-library using a Bitmoji classroom, Canva, or other tech resources. A great fit for tech-savvy volunteers and/or those with a background in children's literature!

- 6. Prep an activity, craft, or lesson for our Student Learning Communities:** Share your expert knowledge, skills, or hobbies with students! Record yourself teaching students a new skill, presenting an educational lesson, or exploring an interesting topic. Students will learn from you and complete follow-up activities to keep hands-on learning alive!

To learn more about EWDC, our shared reading programs, and how you can participate, email us at info@everybodywinsdc.org or call (202) 216-9467.