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The mission of Clark County READS is to provide books to our school libraries and classroom resource centers and to recruit volunteer reading tutors to improve student achievement throughout Clark County schools.

CC READS Anniversary

Mark your calendar for the Clark County READS one-year anniversary celebration May 18 with the Northwest Rotary Club at the Red Rock Country Club.

The event will feature a celebrity-hosted silent auction and a wine and cheese reception. Hundreds of pieces of original fine art will be for sale, with artists on hand to profile their work. All proceeds will benefit Clark County READS, Kermit R. Booker Sr. and Paul E. Culley elementary schools. Tickets will cost \$50. Please RSVP to Sam Brizz at 702-233-3604 or by e-mail at sambrizz@hotmail.com

Sunrise Hospital Partnership

Clark County READS and Sunrise Hospital partnered in February for a book drive that resulted in book and cash donations. Book collection bins were placed in high-traffic areas throughout the hospital, along with informational materials about the campaign. Volunteers from Clark County READS also helped out on Feb. 14 and Feb. 21 by collecting tax-deductible donations at the hospital. Hospital employees joined the effort by donating new and gently used books and making cash donations for the purchase of new books. Some employees have since called the volunteer hotline to express an interest in becoming reading tutors. Thank you Sunrise Hospital!

Buy Coffee, Promote Literacy

March is the month to turn your daily visit to Starbucks into a plus for local students. From March 11, 2002 to March 29, 2002, Clark County READS is teaming up with local Starbucks stores and KLAS-TV to accept public



Clark County READS volunteers and H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School students and staff take an inventory of the new books.

donations to help replace outdated, worn and low inventories at local schools. Starbucks patrons can contribute funds at 35 participating locations throughout the valley. Each \$15 donation makes possible the purchase of a new book for a high-need school library. To encourage participation, each customer making a donation will receive a complimentary 12-oz. beverage certificate, redeemable on a subsequent visit. Donors will also be able to personalize a permanent bookplate that will be placed inside the cover of a new library book.

Nevada Reading Week

In honor of Nevada Reading Week, Feb. 25-March 1, Clark County READS received a proclamation from the Clark County Commission recognizing its outstanding efforts to place books in school libraries.

“Clark County READS is honored to have been recognized by the Clark County Commission with this proclamation,” said Dr. Kay Carl, program manager. “The success we have achieved so far would not have been possible without the support and encouragement we receive from the commissioners. Their vision of this program and their dedication to our students will benefit this community for many years.”

Volunteer Activities

Since its launch last May, Clark County READS has successfully held four training sessions for volunteer reading tutors, resulting in the placement of volunteers in 10 schools. Even still, there is a significant need for additional volunteers to read with school children. Individuals who have at least one hour per week to contribute are encouraged to volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer as a reading tutor, or lend a hand in the warehouse to help sort and shelve books, please call the volunteer hotline at 598-5373.

Book Distributions

Book installments are already underway in 2002 with more planned for the upcoming months. Tom Williams Elementary School received books in January and Beckley Elementary School received books in February. Clark County READS celebrated Nevada Reading Week with a book distribution at H.P. Fitzgerald Elementary School on March 1. The donation of the 525 books, valued at \$7,500, was made possible by Station Casinos Inc. and Silver State Schools Credit Union.

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