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Read a Book To a Child

Michigan City, IN (July 29, 2003) – Mayor Chuck Oberlie requests that Michigan City readers help to create a video library of children's books during Literacy Month in September 2003.

"September is Literacy Month in Michigan City," said Mayor Oberlie, "and we will be focusing on how literacy affects communities, economic development and individuals. But we will also be celebrating literacy and engaging in projects that bring the written word to others in entertaining ways."

"Read A Book To A Child" is one such project, said Mayor Oberlie, "and the Michigan City Public Library is partnering with the City of Michigan City to create a video library of children's books."

"I invite everyone to join me in reading a children's book at the Library before September 30th," Mayor Oberlie said. "These readings will be videotaped by the Library, and the tapes will be shown on local access television programs throughout Literacy Month in Michigan City."

Mayor Oberlie continued, "You can choose the book you'd like to read, or you can choose from books the Youth Services Department recommends for specific age group."

Michigan City department heads and Michigan City Public Library board members have been invited to participate in this event as well as members of the Michigan City Task Force on Literacy and Writers' Rendezvous, a writers' group which meets regularly at the Library.

Don Glossinger, director of the Michigan City Public Library, said, "To schedule a time to come to the Library and read a children's book for Literacy Month, call Robin Kohn at 219/873-3049. We'll do our best to find a time slot that fits your schedule."

The Mayor's Task Force on Literacy, the Michigan City Public Library, Purdue North Central University, the News-Dispatch, IV Tech, Workforce Development, Unity Foundation, Healthy Communities, Safe Harbor, Even Start and the LaPorte Literacy Coalition have joined forces to address literacy issues in our community.

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