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*“So if anyone is in
Christ there is a new
creation, everything
old has passed away;
see, everything has
become new!”
-II Corinthians 5: 17
(NRSV)*



Essays about Read-it

Students wrote essays describing the impact Ne-land Ave CRC and Read-it book club has made on their spiritual, academic, and social development in the past year.

The Read-it book club teaches me to be respectful, get my reading level up, and meet new friends. The book I enjoy reading the most since joining Read-it is “Wireman,” by Sue Stauffcher . We earn points for reading, journaling, and invit- ing new people to club. As a result we earn incentives like pizza parties.

Books, like the book I am reading, “Bud not Buddy,” by Christopher Paul Curtis, are so good that sometimes it is hard to put them down and you keep reading them. By reading I am able to imagine myself in the story. Now I am reading more at home sometimes three hours a day.



Brittany (above) was voted by her peers as being the most respectful and committed to Read-it.



*“we decide which books make it into book heaven.”
Chance, and other students of Read-it book club created this design
for our club t-shirt. We will eventually sell them to pay for books
and activities.*

The book club is open for students in the community to come and read. Mrs. Deb, Mr. Bruce, and Mr. Shocka assist and teach us how to read. By reading I am able to build my reading level so that I can read more challenging books, which helps improve my grades. I don’t like talking about the books I read but I am getting knowledge from them.

JoVone

Read-it book club is helping me be a better reader. It makes me so happy to read. It made me want to come to book club. You can get many ideas from reading.

Other thing that I would like to tell you about is some activities that we have done. Some activi- ties that we have done are bowling, and swim- ming. I enjoyed swimming cause we ate ice cream too. I have been to Deb’s house for din- ner. I have fun at book club.

Brittney

I think Book club is awesome! The thought of reading a book makes me happy. I like to come to book club because its very fun. Guess what? If we get 100 stickers we get to have a party.

Another thing that I like about Book Club is that we get to pick our own books. I like doing that because you get to pick the setting of the book. If somebody wanted to pick a scary, funny, ad- venturous, and mysterious book. You can pick it!

Jada

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2.train

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3.run may 9th 09'

Run the Fifth Third RiverBank Run on May 9th, 2009 and help us raise \$10,000 for Mars-Bros Mentoring Program.

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TKO (The Knight Operation) held a team tournament at the GR Madison Library in November. Mack prevailed over new comer Asad with one more point to take 1st place. Front: William, Mack, (middle) Catheline, Asad, and Katy, (back) Bruce, JoVone, Gerald.



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